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Locals 'have had enough' over yet more Happy Island development proposals

by Lottie Welch
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'ENOUGH is enough' was the clear message from members of the King Charles Estate Residents' Association (KCERA) at the recent consultation over extra development sites to be added to the 2015 Local Plan.

The group had volunteers outside the leisure centre all day last Thursday talking to residents and asking them to support their opposition to more green field development in the Bridport area.

The review is taking place as the inspector who examined the West Dorset, Weymouth and Portland Local Plan said that an early review should be prepared.

The inspector pointed towards Dorchester and Sherborne as locations for growth, but options in coastal and market towns are also being considered.

The seven sites being proposed in Bridport include: east of Wychside Close for 160 dwellings; Happy Island Way for 230 dwellings; Home Farm in Bradpole for 140 dwellings; land north of Watford Lane/Gore Lane for 290 dwellings; east of Watton for 190 dwellings; west of Watton for 170 dwellings and Dottery Road for 220 dwellings.

Chris Savory, association chairman, said: "We are very upset at having to campaign again for the third time in five years over the same issues.

"In 2012 we led a vigorous and widely supported protest that convinced district councillors to vote out the fields next to the River Asker at Happy Island from the draft local plan.

"The site was put forward again in another consultation for 'alternative sites' in 2012/3.

"This time we were backed by the town council, the Bradpole Parish Plan and 550 letters to the council.

"Now before the ink has dried on the Local Plan (October 2015), which already allocates sites for 1,000 new houses in Bridport, the Happy Island fields are once again being proposed for development in another consultation, with 370 houses proposed on the adjoining fields.

"We've been consulted twice and it was made very clear to the council that there is enormous opposition to developing so close to this precious and iconic local beauty spot.

"It feels like they are going to keep coming back with 'consultations' until we either give up or die.

"This doesn't feel much like democracy, it's more like the 'Hunger Games'."

The Local Plan sets out a framework for development in the area by identifying land to meet future needs and guides decisions about development.

West Dorset District Councillor Ron Coatsworth opposed the development in 2012 and is vocal in his continued opposition to the sites, the Happy Island fields, which fall in his constituency.

Cllr Coatsworth said: "Many people believe that 1,000 new houses in 10 years for the Bridport area is already too great a number, and this level and speed of development risks spoiling what attracts people here in the first place and given the price of new houses it will do little to help local people on average wages.

"Proposing even more development before the existing allocation has even been started seems all wrong. I can fully understand why so many of my constituents are angry at yet another consultation bringing up sites that have been so recently been rejected due to widespread opposition."

Margie Barbour, joint secretary of the KCERA committee, said: "Drop in events about the consultation have taken place all over West Dorset so people have been able to go and make their views known.

"In Bridport, only 120 people went to the leisure centre to view the plans and the council workers manning the display felt this was a good turnout, but it was less than one per cent of the population of Bridport."

To find out more and to comment on the proposals, visit www.dorsetforyou.com/planning-policy-consultation

■ MEMBERS of the King Charles Estate Residents' Association outside the local plan review drop-in event. Pictured above (left to right) John Green, Helen and Andy Baker, Peter Dakin, Barbara Roche and Chris Savory

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JULIA Hope Brightwell lives in East Devon but teaches Biodanza – meaning the Dance of Life – across the area, including in Burton Bradstock, and she will soon be starting at the Dorset School of Biodanza in Bridport.

Originally from Lancaster, she was head-hunted and moved to the south as a textile studio manager in her early 20s, later moving to Dartmoor as a Montessori nursery teaches and eventually to East Devon.

As well as teaching Biodanza, Julia is also a part-time finance officer for a charity in Exeter and she enjoys painting and selling her work.

● WHEN did you first take an interest in dance?

I have always loved music and dancing. In my teens and twenties, I went to three discos a week just to dance and get lost in the music. My secondary school dance teacher wanted me to come to her after-school ballet classes, but I thought I was too fat so didn't go, even though she asked me three separate times!

● WHAT is Biodanza?

Biodanza translates as the Dance of Life. It is an international system danced worldwide, created by Rolando Toro Araneda who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize. Rolando believed if everyone danced Biodanza there would not longer be wars and cruelty, as it joins people together, promotes celebration and acceptance of others, and opens the heart.

● HOW did you come to teach Biodanza?

I have enjoyed many types of dance - Ceroc, 5 Rhythms, expressive movement, but it was only when I found Biodanza in 2008 that I knew this was what I would train in. I did three wonderful years of training, which was one of the best periods of my life, before teaching others in 2011. First on Dartmoor, then Dartington and, after moving to East Devon, I now teach in Colyton, Colyford and Burton Bradstock. I still teach my original group at Bovey Tracey too - a one-day workshop once a month.

Last year I completed my Didactic training so I can now teach people to become teachers themselves. I start with the Dorset School of Biodanza in May with the director, Mike Skilbeck, to welcome people on this journey of reconnection to the intelligence and joy of the body with its emotional and instinctual intelligence. The first two years are mainly experiential, then if people want to teach others they continue into the third year which gives them all they need to do this.

● HOW can it benefit people?

Biodanza claims to work with the genetic potential that we are born with, but which sometimes gets shaped in a less free or natural way through our upbringing and life.

Through the various dances and movement exercises, these different aspects have a chance to be expressed and in some cases re-emerge.

Biodanza is based on enjoyment and has two parts; a vital section and a relaxing section. In this age of busy, busy where adrenalin is constantly being triggered, there is little opportunity to experience the opposite -relaxation where the hormone acetyl choline is released.

Personally for me, I had very low vitality and found groups difficult, preferring one-to-ones because of my sensitivity. Biodanza continues to improve my resilience and enjoyment of life and I am fine in groups now.

I even gave a presentation at my qualification time to over 50 people and was fine. A video of this is on my website www.joysofdance.co.uk, where I also share my poems and art inspired by the three-year Biodanza training.

On a weekly basis, with everything that is going on in the world at large, which can be distressing and challenging, Biodanza through the music and dance restores me to my happiness and belief in the basic goodness in people.

● WHAT do you enjoy doing in your spare time?

I love nature and animals; painting, especially portraits; and travel.

● WHAT do you like about the local area?

East Devon is very beautiful. I love seeing egrets and herons from my window. I like that it is close to other great places such as Lyme Regis and the coastal walk. Being near the sea is a tonic.

Find out more about Biodanza and Julia's classes at www.joysofdance.co.uk

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Dementia UK fundraiser

OUR recent feature supporting Dementia UK raised £123.48 for the cause.

As well as backing from our advertisers, we also held a bake sale and dress-down Friday collection, which raised more than £50.

Thanks to everyone who helped us support the charity's Time For A Cuppa campaign.

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Local bands set for folk festival fundraiser

SEVEN local bands will descend on Bridport Arts Centre to provide an evening of music, raising money for Bridport's first folk festival this August.

The bands, with a range of styles and songs, will whet the appetite of the audience for the launch of the festival, organised by local musician Chris Deacon, in the summer.

Denise Buchanan, the concert organiser, said: "As it gets nearer to the date of the festival this summer, it is all getting more exciting, and organising this fundraiser for it has made me realise how much Chris Deacon is doing and how lucky we are to have him in the town."

Kicking off with Timmitch, which includes Tim Clark and Mitch on guitars, Marc Juan on drums and Michael Grew on trumpet; the concert will change tempo with a solo performance from singer/songwriter Bill Cain on guitar.

This is followed by vocals from Silver Chix, who are Ann Lambert and Wendy Bentley, who are debuting a new song of their own, along with classic favourites.

The first half closes with the Lost Souls; led by Denise Buchanan, the band includes her husband, talented vocalist Ian Buchanan, Nicki and Andy Meakin on bass and banjo respectively, Chris Savory on ukulele and Jill Downs on percussion.

After an interval with opportunities to buy raffle tickets for the generous raffle, and a drink from the newly refurbished bar and convenient café, the second half opens with Elfentale, with the beautiful vocals of Jess Yarham-Baker accompanied by Chris Deacon.

Chris then stays on stage to lead Acoustic Rooster, his own band, when he is accompanied by Alan Twelftree on accordian, Maurice Blogg on guitar and Rob Malpas on banjo.

The evening closes with Hidden, led by David Greenshields on guitar and Hazel Williams on vocals and guitar, Nick Sorenson on bass, and on drums Dave Shaw.

Their set is followed by a show stopping closing song with all the bands joining together for a rousing rendition of a popular folk country number.

Chris Deacon said: "This summer we will be inviting leading folk acts to perform here, as well as having dancing with Morris sides and ceilidhs, and this fundraising concert will help cover the costs inevitably incurred when you take on such a venture with headline acts like NineBarrow."

Tickets for the event, which takes place on Thursday, March 16th at 7.30pm, cost £9 and are available from Bridport Arts Centre and Bridport Music.

Mr Deacon has previously organised events for the RNLI, which will be given an award after costs are met.

A FUNDRAISING concert is taking place at Bridport Arts Centre next Thursday, featuring a range of local bands and musicians

Charity shop set to close

JULIA'S House charity shop in Bridport will be closing when its lease expires on March 28th.

Footfall in the Bridport shop has dropped over the past few years, along with the Blandford shop which will close in September.

Tracy Stanley, the charity's retail manager, said: "It has been a difficult decision to make as these shops have been at the heart of their communities for many years and have done a fantastic job of fundraising and promoting the work of Julia's House.

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Dorset schools face £13M funding cut

SCHOOLS in Dorset will soon be seeing the impact of an estimated £3billion shortfall in the government's education budget by 2020.

Around 98 per cent of schools are set to lose funding, with Dorset likely to lose an average of £268 per pupil – a total of more than £13million for the area as a whole – the equivalent of 349 average teacher salaries.

The funding shortfall is a result of increased costs and levies on schools and comes at a time when the government is introducing a new national funding formula to calculate funding levels for schools in England.

The new funding formula will offer a fairer distribution of funding, but Dorset will lose significant amounts of money.

Russell Hobby, general secretary of school leaders' union National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), said: "School budgets are being pushed beyond breaking point.

"The government's £3billion real terms cut to education funding must be reversed or we will see education and care suffer.

"Already heads are being forced to cut staff, cut the curriculum and cut specialist support.

"A new funding formula is the right thing to do, but it cannot be truly fair unless there is enough money to go round in the first place."

The Department of Education, which is proposing the new funding formula, wants to "end the historical postcode lottery in school funding".

A spokesperson said: "The government has protected the core schools budget in real terms since 2010, with school funding at its highest level on record at more than £40billion in 2016/17.

"We are delivering on the government's manifesto commitment that the amount of money following a child into school will be protected and that as the number of pupils increase, so will the amount of money in our schools.

"But the system for distributing that funding across the country is unfair, opaque and outdated.

"We are going to end the historical postcode lottery in school funding and under the proposed national schools funding formula, more than half of England's schools will receive a cash boost.

"Dorset's funding would go up by £5million if the proposed new funding formula was implemented.

"We are consulting on the factors that will make up the formula and we know that it is important that we get this right so that every pound of the investment we make in education has the biggest impact.

"Funding every child fairly and according to their needs is at the heart of delivering the government's pledge to build a country that works for everyone.

"We recognise that schools are facing cost pressures, which is why we will continue to provide support to help them use their funding in cost effective ways, including improving the way they buy goods and services, so they get the best possible value."

Tenth CBO for Beaminster man

BEAMINSTER man Christopher Vye has breached his Criminal Behaviour Order (CBO) for a 10th time.

Police officers received a call on Wednesday, March 1st from Burton Bradstock reporting a male being abusive.

Officers arrived and arrested 64-year-old Christopher Vye on suspicion of breaching his CBO.

It was alleged that Mr Vye had breached three parts of his CBO – failing to keep his dog under proper control in a public place, acting in an anti-social manner anywhere within Dorset and having open containers of alcohol in a public place.

Mr Vye was charged and remanded in custody to appear before Weymouth Magistrates' Court on Thursday, March 2nd where he pleaded guilty to the breaches and was fined £100 and ordered to pay £85 costs and a £30 victim surcharge.

He was issued the order by Weymouth Magistrates' Court in August after being found guilty of assaulting a member of staff at the Wetherspoons pub on East Street.

The order is in place for five years and states that Christopher Vye must not: act or incite others to behave in an anti-social manner; use or incite others to use threatening intimidating, insulting or abusive words or behaviour; enter any licensed premises in the Bridport and Beaminster areas, to which he has already been barred under the Pubwatch scheme; have open containers of alcohol in public or be drunk in a public place.

He must engage with EDP Drug & Alcohol Services for a minimum of three times a week until discharged by EDP.

In November he was arrested and charged with seven breaches of his order and was given a community order requiring him to abide by a two month curfew between the hours of 8pm and 7am and ordered to pay a £85 victim surcharge.

He was arrested and charged with breaching his CBO on September 1st, 10th, 15th and 27th, as well as October 12th, 10th and 27th, December 10th and December 31st.

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■ THANKS for the article in the *View From* about the resurgence of the Charter Fair: We're glad to say that there have been a number of positive responses from local organisations wishing to become involved, and just a reminder that this year there will be no fee for Charter Fair stall holders.

We are busy planning the day's programme – that's for Saturday, May 13th – and are open to new ideas (so please let's have those ideas).

One not-so-new idea concerns the rather fine Charter Fair award, which for some reason seems not to have been awarded to anyone for some years.

We have already publically stated that we would like to encourage more involvement from young people, and it's probable that the last presentation of the Award may in fact have been to young people: those who helped create the initial West Bay play area several years ago.

For the re-introduction of the Award in 2017 we have agreed that the recipient(s) will have worked unselfishly over a period of time to benefit young people in our community. More about this soon.

In the meantime, we would be delighted to hear from anyone willing to be involved in any way.

The Charter Fair holds a unique place in our heritage: without the Market Charter, granted in 1554, Bridport would not be the market town it is today, and with a Market that is now feted nationally.

ARTHUR WOODGATE, Charter Fair Organising Committee

Scrutinise council spending

■ WE have read in the press recently that Dorset County Council is proposing to spend £1.5 million on refurbishing County Hall.

Firstly this comes at a time when council tax rises are on the way in order to pay for our services, which have been and are very likely to be cut even further in the future.

Secondly this refurbishment should be delayed until the reform of the council structure within the County, which was voted for by the residents, has been done.

Once this new structure has been agreed and brought into effect the new authority will have, in Dorchester, two or more buildings from which to choose as a headquarters, namely the old County Hall at Colliton Park and the newer West Dorset District Council offices at South Walks House.

After all they will only need one council chamber and one set of offices whereas at the moment we have two of each as described above.

The new authority can then choose which one will serve the authority best and of course which one requires less to be spent on it and then sell off the one not required which will bring in much needed revenue to be spent on services to the population.

Of course there are many other council premises around the County which should undergo the same scrutiny.

DOUGLAS BEAZER, Beaminster

Naming and shaming

■ **IF we are going to 'name and shame' businesses, then I think trading standards should print the names of all the businesses that have had a complaint made about them.**

That way we could all choose a good company, get a good job done and not be cheated.

S FOX, by email

Letters may be edited to fit space available. The views expressed in letters are those of the author and not necessarily of this newspaper.

Ofsted report shock for St Catherine's

A BRIDPORT school is determined to "strive for excellence" after it was rated 'requires improvement' by Ofsted.

St Catherine's Primary School was inspected in January and was marked as 'requires improvement' in effectiveness of leadership and management; quality of teaching, learning and assessment; outcomes for pupils and early years provision but was rated 'good' for personal development, behaviour and welfare.

In a letter sent to parents, headteacher Frances Guppy said: "There is no doubt that this is a disappointing outcome for the school as under the previous inspection framework we were assessed as 'good'.

"The school is committed to improving achievement in writing and mathematics and ensuring that all children, but particularly the academically more able, achieve their potential.

"We have already started working closely with a National Leader of Education in order to ensure that our actions will bring about an improvement in outcomes for all children and that the children at St Catherine's are sufficiently challenged.

"It was recognised that we need to strengthen provision at early years. The school has already engaged an experienced early years specialist, to work alongside us in school to enhance our current provision."

The inspector, Kathy Maddocks, recommended a review of governance, which Mrs Guppy said remains supportive of the school as a whole and takes on board the need to review the way they work.

She added: "The report recognised that personal development, behaviour and welfare is a strength of the school. Children are safe, articulate and well cared for.

"Behaviour was said to be impeccable within an environment where all are respectful and the relationships between all staff, pupils and school leaders are good.

"It was stated how the children maturely resolve difficulties themselves and they know that their ideas are valued and they act upon them. Safeguarding is effective.

"The provision for pupils with special educational needs and /or disabilities was recognised as being strong.

"These pupils are making good progress from their starting points."

Mrs Guppy said that the result felt "somewhat harsh" but the school's vision and commitment is "as strong as ever".

She added: "To be labelled as a school judged not good enough to maintain its previous Ofsted assessment does feel somewhat harsh.

"However, we accept the inspector's judgement as we knew we had areas that we had to improve upon as the results in Key Stage Two indicated last year.

"In summary, our vision and commitment to your children at St Catherine's is as strong as ever.

"As head teacher, as a staff and as a governing body, we would like to reassure you that we are determined to address the issues outlined in the report and to redouble our efforts to strive for excellence for all who attend our school.

"We are equally determined not to lose sight of our nurturing ethos of 'live, love and learn together'."

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CHILDREN at Burton Bradstock Primary School dressed to represent their favourite character

PUPILS at Mosterton Pre-school

Local schools celebrate

CHILDREN across Bridport and Beaminster dressed as their favourite fictional characters last week to mark World Book Day.

The annual event is a celebration of books and reading, which encourages children to appreciate reading and is marked in more than 100 countries all over the world.

Schools were filled with superheroes, animals, princesses, with pupils enjoying workshops, talks and activities.

Pupils at St Mary's Primary School enjoyed a animal themed week-long celebration, with the children listening to animal stories and poems and creating an 'all creatures great and small' display in the foyer.

They also had a visit from Nicky Mathewson, children's bookseller at Waterstones in Bridport, who brought in a range of books for the children.

Children at Bridport Primary School enjoyed a workshop with storyteller Trevor Jones, who recited poems and shared his skills with the pupils.

At Salway Ash Primary School, whenever the bell rang the children would have to read their book for 10 minutes, wherever they were.

THERE were some colourful outfits on display at St Mary's Primary School, Bridport

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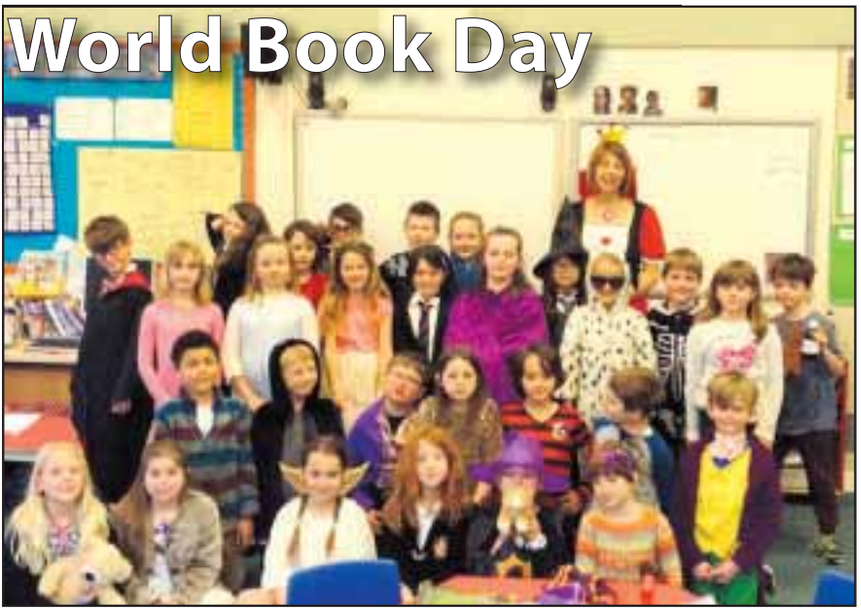

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Badger Class at Salway Ash Primary School in their book day costumes; fancy dress winners of each class at St Mary's Primary School; pupils at St Mary's dressed up as their favourite literary animals; Nicky Mathewson (left), children's bookseller at Waterstones in Bridport, brought books in to the children at St Mary's Primary School; children at Broadwindsor Primary School dressed as their favourite fictional characters

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Pancake race fun at Thorners Primary School

THE children at Thorners Primary School got competitive in pancake races last week

PUPILS at Thorners Primary School got competitive in pancake races to mark Pancake Day last week.

The children went head-to-head with the four school houses competing against each other.

The children ran with the pancakes on rackets, being careful not to drop them.

In the end, the Mary Kingsley house was named winner and as their prize, the children belonging to that house enjoyed a non-school uniform day.

Dorset National Apprentice Week

LOCAL councils have come together to show support for apprentices during their Dorset National Apprentice Week.

The week, which runs from Monday, March 6th to Friday, March 10th, celebrates the successes of apprenticeships around the county and the positive impact they have had on individuals and organisations.

Apprenticeships combine on-the-job training with nationally recognised qualifications.

As part of this, West Dorset District Council, Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, Dorset County Council and North Dorset District Council have created some new video content to champion and highlight the role that apprenticeships can play in kick-starting a career.

This can be found at www.dorsetforyou.gov.uk/jobs-and-careers/apprenticeships

Cllr Deborah Croney, Dorset County Council's cabinet member for learning and skills, said: "We are really excited to be taking forward the government reforms for apprenticeship opportunities.

"We are committed to breaking down barriers and creating an opportunity for people everywhere and need talented and ambitious people of all ages and backgrounds.

"We especially want young people in Dorset to get the opportunities they deserve and pursue a career in the public sector."

Matt Prosser, chief executive of North Dorset District Council, West Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council, said: "We are helping to ensure young people in the community have the opportunity to develop their knowledge and experience in the world of work.

"To work towards this, we have been proactive in recruiting and supporting apprentices in a variety of roles within the organisation.

"The partnership has recruited six apprentices and is currently recruiting a further three."

West Dorset District Council, North Dorset District Council and Weymouth & Portland Borough Council have also created an internal initiative, the Apprentice Youth Forum.

This is a self-organising group, fully supported by the line managers to further develop the apprentices' knowledge, skills and experience.

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Bottle Inn to close

LAST ORDERS: The famous Bottle Inn at Marshwood is being forced to close

AN award winning CAMRA pub in West Dorset is being forced to close despite huge support from the local community which has included them registering it as an asset of community value.

On Tuesday, February 28th, the owner, Michael Brookes, was granted a possession order for The Bottle Inn at Marshwood and ordered the landlords, Nigel and Chrissy Blake, to leave the premises within 28 days.

Mr and Mrs Blake have been running The Bottle since August 2012 and since then it has twice been voted West Dorset's pub of the year by the Campaign for Real Ale (CAMRA) and last year it also won CAMRA's regional competition for the Wessex and Channel Islands area.

It is understood that Mr and Mrs Blake have been involved in a long dispute with Mr Brookes as he failed to comply with the requirements of the lease to repair the building. As a result Mr Brookes has refused to grant Mr and Mrs Blake a new lease.

This will be the fourth occasion in less than nine years that the pub has closed. In 2008 the longstanding landlord, Shane Pym, who established the famous nettle eating championships that are held annually at The Bottle, gave up after falling out with Mr Brookes and two further attempts to revive the pub were shortlived.

When Mr and Mrs Blake arrived the pub had been closed since January 2011 and they needed to spend £50,000 on repairs in order to reopen because Mr Brookes failed to carry out this work. But they have been unable to run a restaurant as the kitchen is unsafe and urgent repairs are required to the roof.

Three years ago around 130 customers formed The Supporters Association of The Bottle Inn to try and find a way of securing the pub's long term future by buying it on behalf of the community.

They also successfully registered it as an asset of community value with West Dorset District Council but were unable to agree a price with Mr Brookes who until recently was living in Australia.

Last minute efforts were made outside the court this week to reach an agreement that would allow Mr and Mrs Blake to remain but these failed.

Mark Van de Weyer, the chairman of the supporters association said that Mr Brookes told Mr and Mrs Blake's lawyers that he had recently separated from his wife and had returned to the UK with the intention of living at The Bottle.

Mark Van de Weyer accompanied Mr and Mrs Blake to the court hearing, and said afterwards: "Sadly there are no winners. The community will be without its much treasured old pub, Mr and Mrs Blake will lose their home and their business and Mr Brookes will be faced with a massive repair bill at The Bottle which is a listed building.

"I will be meeting urgently with other association members and many are urging me to see what can be done even at this very late stage.

"I would welcome any help that CAMRA can provide in saving our pub and providing a fair solution for Nigel and Chrissy after all that they have achieved at The Bottle. "

Mr and Mrs Blake are working on a plan to close the pub around March 18th. Mr Blake said: "It is with great sadness and regret that we will be shortly forced to close the iconic Bottle Inn. For over four years Chrissy and I have been battling to save this great pub.

"When we reopened the pub it had been closed for 18 months and an enforcement order for work to be done had been placed on it by West Dorset District Council. We did this work at our expense to enable us to reopen in early August 2012.

"Since then we have made many great friends in the local community, and a lot further afield, turning the pub back into the great local it had previously been.

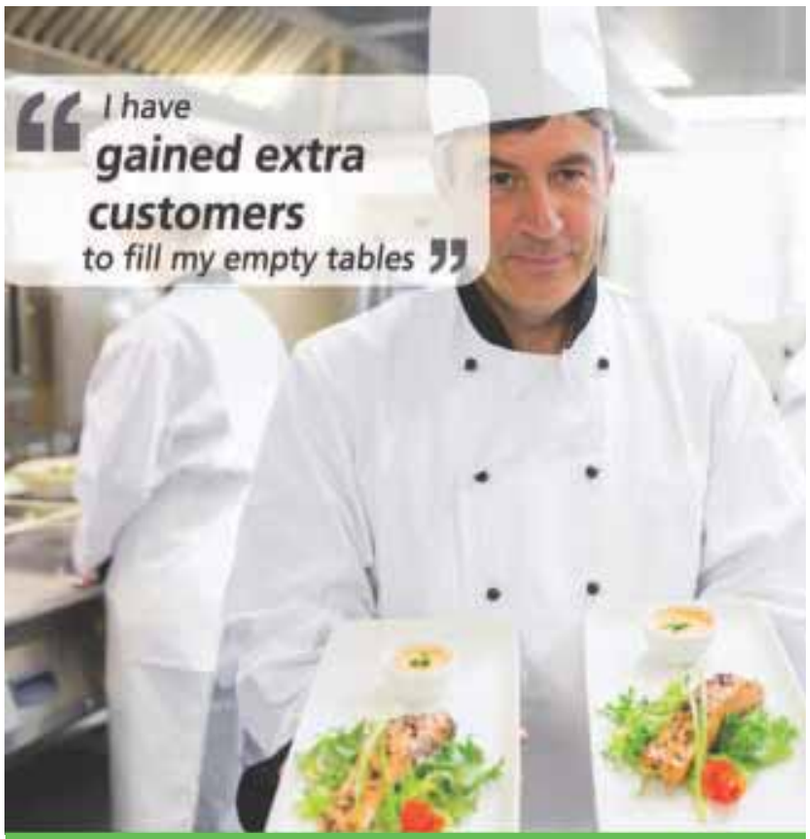
"Specialising in real ales and ciders we won West Dorset pub of the year in 2014 and then again in 2016 and on the back of that we were the 2016 Wessex and Channel Islands regional winner taking us to the final 16 in the UK.

"During this time myself and Mark Van de Weyer have continuously tried to negotiate with the owner who has been living in Australia, getting the pub listed as an asset of community value in early 2014.

"Unfortunately we have never been able to come to an agreement with him and sadly this week we went to court and are being evicted as trespassers, even though we came in as a business partner on a signed lease that was never honoured by the owner."

Anyone interested in helping the Supporters Association in its efforts to try and save the pub can contact Mark Van de Weyer on mark@van deweyer.co.uk

The View From *has made attempts to contact Mr Brookes for a comment.*



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Students' success in Rotary leadership course

THREE local students successfully completed a weeklong camp on Dartmoor designed to help young people aged 14-40 to develop their potential as service-minded leaders.

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is designed by Rotary clubs and districts to help young people develop their skills as a leader while having fun and making connections.

This year saw Year 11 students Harry Satur from Beaminster School, sponsored by Brit Valley Rotary Club, and Eva Everley and Anna Crabb from The Sir John Colfox Academy, sponsored by Bridport Rotary Club, join 18 other young people from Somerset and Devon schools on the course held at the Dartmoor Training Centre near Princetown.

During the week their skills were tested by a number of outside activities including abseiling and raft making in a variety of weather conditions including snow, to debate, public speaking, and problem solving indoors.

GREAT WEEK: Harry Satur and Brit Valley President Bob Ponchaud share a joke during dinner *Photo: JOHN DOBINSON*

WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE: Eva Everley (left) and Anna Crabb show their delight following the final wash-up meeting

Under the guidance of Jack Russell, Director of PDC Inspiration and four instructors, they had the chance to improve their leadership, team building and communication skills.

For some it was a chance to gain self-confidence, whilst for others to reinforce personal strengths.

Chrissie Bailey (Bridport) and Stuart Broom (Brit Valley), chairs of their respective Youth & Vocational committees attended the wash-up meeting on the Friday where all the candidates addressed around 30 Rotary and family members to recount their experience before being presented with a certificate to confirm their attendance.

Every one of them gave a positive feedback, one suggesting it was so successful that every student should attend a similar course before leaving school, such was the impact it had made on them.

The camaraderie generated during the week was plain to see at the end when they said their farewells to each other, with plenty of tears and red eyes.

Harry recounted his experience and thanks to Brit Valley Rotary Club when he attended the club meeting last week with his twin brother Josh who completed the course last year, and his parents.

Anna and Eva are due to visit Bridport RC in the near future to give their account of the week.

First Wessex and Prostate Cancer UK in partnership

EYE-catching posters on the sides and interiors of many First buses in Dorset will help raise awareness of prostate cancer over the coming months.

First Wessex has donated around £5,000 of advertising space on its buses to help raise awareness of Prostate Cancer UK's pledge to solve diagnosis problems which are blamed for many of the UK's prostate cancer deaths.

First Wessex report that in Dorset, 187 men die from prostate cancer each year and one in eight men across the UK are diagnosed with the disease at some part in their lives, with more than 10,000 men dying from prostate cancer in the UK each year.

Prostate Cancer UK was chosen as FirstGroup's charity of choice partner following a vote of 25,000 employees from its bus, rail and tram operations across the UK, including colleagues at First Wessex.

The three-year partnership, which began in April 2015, aims to raise £1million to support Prostate Cancer UK's work to help more men survive prostate cancer and enjoy a better quality of life.

Simon Newport, general manager of First Wessex, said: "We are proud to support Prostate Cancer UK and delighted that many of our vehicles feature the powerful new posters.

"A key aim of our partnership with Prostate Cancer UK is to ensure First Wessex employees, customers and the wider community know their risk of prostate cancer, raising awareness of the disease and the support available for the charity.

"I am proud of the enthusiasm and passion that so many of our employees have shown for fundraising and supporting Prostate Cancer UK – it is truly inspiring."

Angela Culhane, chief executive at Prostate Cancer UK, said: "It is fantastic to see our adverts displayed on buses in Dorset, and we are very grateful to First Wessex for donating this space.

"Our aim is to stop prostate cancer being a killer and this partnership is helping us to achieve this.

"The money and awareness raised by First Wessex is allowing us to focus on radical improvements in diagnosis, treatment and prevention, as well as supporting those affected by the disease.

"We thank everyone at First Wessex for their ongoing support and commitment in helping us beat prostate cancer."

Anyone with concerns about prostate cancer can contact the Prostate Cancer UK's specialist nurses in confidence on 0800 074 8383 or through the live chat, instant messaging service at www.prostatecanceruk.org

ACTRESS Julie Hesmondhalgh in ITV's *Broadchurch*, which consulted Dorset agencies specialising in sexual assault to ensure the series' storyline was realistic
Photo courtesy of ITV DRAMA

'Broadchurch' highlights help for sexual assault victims in Dorset

AS the third and final series of ITV drama *Broadchurch* has begun and follows the story of an investigation into a serious sexual assault, agencies are reminding the public of the help available for those affected by similar issues in Dorset.

The Shores, Dorset's Sexual Assault Referral Centre (SARC), and the Dorset Rape Crisis charity. along with various police advisers, worked closely with the show's producers to ensure a realistic account of an investigation into a serious sexual assault and representation of the support provided to victims.

Michelle Challis, The Shores manager, said: "The Shores can offer free and confidential help to support a forensic examination and referrals for ongoing relevant support with or without police involvement.

"We have independent sexual violence advisors (ISVAs) who help victims deal with and recover from the emotional and physical effects of the assault, and can support individuals to report the incident to the police – but only if this is what they wish to do.

"It was really important to us that *Broadchurch*'s portrayal of the service provided by the SARC was realistic.

"Seeking support following an assault is never easy so we wanted it to be demonstrated that there is dedicated support available and you will be taken seriously and looked after."

Helen Stevens, Dorset Rape Crisis service manager, said: "Dorset Rape Crisis is an independent charity working across the whole of Dorset to support survivors of sexual assault.

"It has been a real privilege to work with Chris Chibnall and the *Broadchurch* production team.

"We hope that the series will enable victims of sexual violence to come forward to receive the help and specialist support that is available to them."

Broadchurch writer Chris Chibnall, from Bridport, said that the production team has worked with various organisations with knowledge of sexual assault, including victims, the police and support groups.

He said: "We have spent time since the series was last on air researching and developing this story.

"We have worked closely with support organisations in the Dorset area who work with victims of sexual assault.

"We have spent time with the amazing support workers who run referral centres.

"We have developed relationships with and talked in depth with Independent Sexual Violence Advisors as well as police who investigate these crimes, and survivors of these crimes.

"These extraordinary people have advised us every step of the way.

"I wanted to tell this story because recorded sexual offences have been increasing year on year."

Detective Chief Inspector Joan Carmichael said the rise in sexual assaults, both nationally and locally, reflects an increase in public confidence in reporting these offences.

She said: "There has been an increase in reports of rape and sexual assault nationally, which is also being reflected in Dorset.

"The rise demonstrates the growing public confidence in reporting such sensitive crimes, as well as an increase in reports of non-recent rapes and sexual assaults following the publicity of high-profile historical abuse cases.

"*Broadchurch* is dramatising a very sensitive subject but it serves as a reminder that the police will do everything they can to bring offenders to justice and there is help and support available to anyone who has been a victim of such crimes.

"Dorset Police takes all reports of rape and sexual assault seriously, no matter when they happened or who you are.

"Our specially trained officers can help and advise you. They are dedicated to investigating these sorts of offences, will talk to you in confidence, will explain the options open to you and will be guided by your wishes.

"If you don't want to talk to the police, The Shores or Dorset Rape Crisis are also there to support you."

The Shores Dorset SARC can be contacted on 01202 552056 or online via www.the-shores.org.uk and Dorset Rape Crisis can be contacted by calling 01202 308840 or by visiting www.dorsetrapecrisis.org

Anyone who has been a victim of rape or sexual assault can report it directly to the police by calling 101 and asking to be put in contact with a specially-trained police officer.

Late night fights in Bridport

POLICE were called to Bridport town centre last weekend after fights broke out in the early hours of Saturday, March 4th.

Just after 1am, a number of people were ejected from a pub following a disturbance.

A 21-year-old male from Wiltshire was arrested on suspicion of assault and possession of a controlled substance and he is assisting with police enquiries.

At 2.30am, a call was received reporting a fight on East Street, where officers found a male with facial injuries who was treated by ambulance staff.

A 21-year-old female from Burton Bradstock was arrested at the scene for being drunk and disorderly and has been issued with a Penalty Notice for Disorder, which will be a £90 fine.

Anyone who witnessed either of the incidents should call Dorset Police on 101, quoting crime number 55170032137 for the 1am incident or 55170032146 for the other.

Annual dredging at West Bay

ANNUAL dredging works are set to take place in West Bay during March.

Works will begin on Saturday, March 11th and last for eight days, with no night shift work required.

West Bay's dredging works will be carried out using a large hydraulic pump and large pipes from the pump will run alongside and over the main pier, replenishing West Beach.

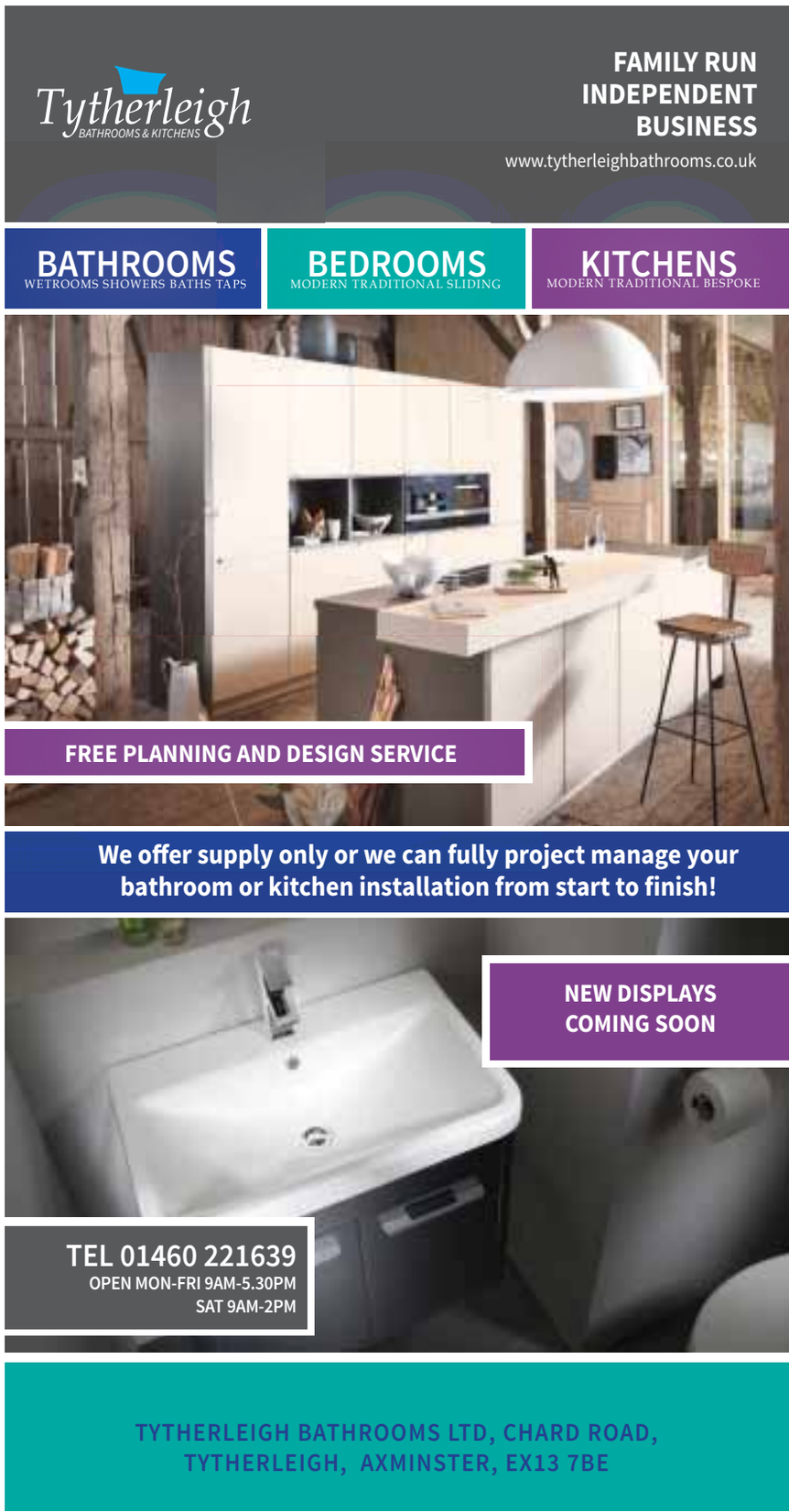
This takes away the need to close the esplanade for dump truck usage.

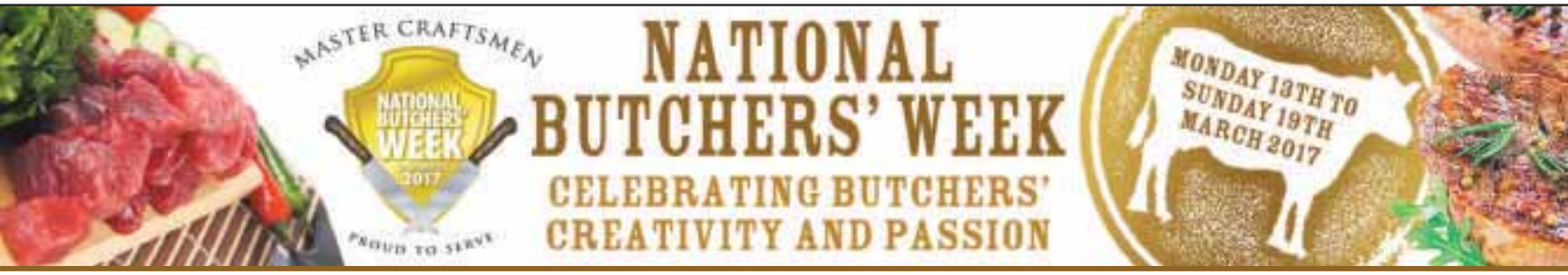
The main pier will remain open to the public but West Beach will be closed.

Councillor John Russell, West Dorset District Council's executive portfolio holder for environmental protection and assets, said: "These works are essential for maintaining the day-to-day running of the harbour, and ensures the beaches are fully replenished for residents and visitors to enjoy in the warmer months.

"Times and dates for these works and dictated by the tide schedule.

"We have avoided school half-term and Easter weekend to ensure the disruption is kept to a minimum."





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Cooking time: (2cm/¾in thick steak):
Rare: 2½ minutes on each side.
Medium: 4 minutes on each side.
Well done: 6 minutes on each side
Cooking time for vegetables: Under 30minutes.

Ingredients

- 300g / 10½oz lean rump or thick sirloin steaks
- 300g / 10½oz small new potatoes
- Large pinch paprika powder
- 30ml / 2tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- Salt & freshly milled back pepper
- 2 garlic cloves, peeled & chopped
- 1 small red onion, peeled & thinly sliced
- 2.5ml / ½tsp dried chilli flakes
- 100ml / 3½floz dry red wine

Method

1. Preheat the oven to Gas mark 7, 220°C, 425°F.
2. Place the potatoes in a non-stick roasting tin. Add the paprika and half the oil, toss gently, season and roast for 25 minutes. 15 minutes before the end of the cooking time remove the tin, add the garlic and onions, toss gently and return to the oven.
3. Place the steaks on a chopping board, season on both sides and dust with the chilli flakes. Heat the remaining oil in a heavy based frying or griddle pan and cook the steaks according to your preference. Remove the steak and keep warm.
4. In the same pan add the wine and simmer for 2-3 minutes or until reduced by half, scraping the base of the pan with a wooden spoon to release any sediment. Add any meat juices from the steak plate to the pan.
5. Divide the potato mixture between two serving plates. Slice the steak on the diagonal and arrange on top of the potatoes. Drizzle over the red wine sauce and serve immediately with a red chicory salad.

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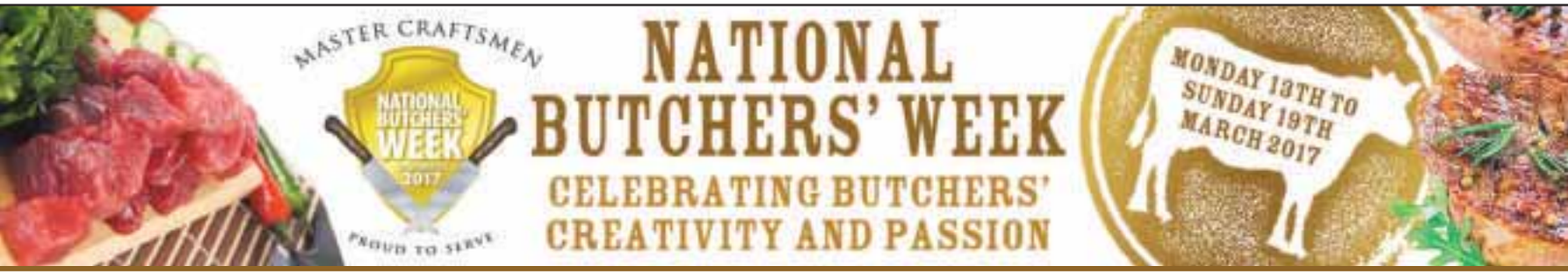

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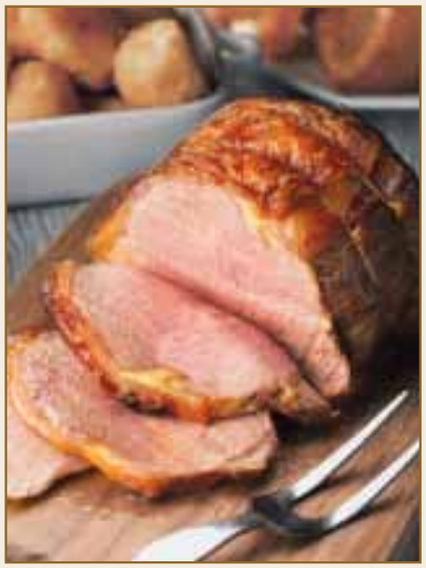

THIS year's National Butchers' Week will focus on the fantastic innovation that takes place within butchers' shops across the land.

Rod Addy, editor of Meat Trades Journal, said it was a chance to get creative. "National Butchers' Week is an opportunity for a business to show off its creativity. Some of the most successful butchers in the country do amazing work to create new dishes that tempt customers and increase basket spend."

As well as coverage in Meat Trades Journal, be sure to follow National Butchers' Week on Facebook and Twitter using the #ButchersGiveYouIdeas hashtag to keep on top of what's happening in the run-up to the week and perhaps spark some creativity.

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Crowdfunder for county-first community growing project

LOCAL market garden and vegetable producer, Southern Roots Organics, has launched the first Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) project in Dorset.

The new project represents a significant development in local food and brings a model that is gaining in popularity around the UK and the rest of Europe to Dorset for the first time.

Members of the CSA pay at the onset of the growing season for a share in the harvest and periodically receive boxes of the produce.

The garden is on two acres of land rented from Lower Hewood Farm in West Dorset, near Thorncombe.

In addition to supplying local cafés, restaurants and pubs, they are now wanting to supply 25 households within 10 miles of the farm, but in order to do this they need to raise money.

Throughout March, Southern Roots Organics is running a crowdfunder to raise £5,000 for essential start-up costs, materials and infrastructure.

Adam Payne and Dee Butterly, who run the project, said: "We are excited to launch this CSA and look forward to developing the model in Dorset.

"By continuing to support us for the growing season, members help make farming a more financially secure and enjoyable occupation, allowing young growers like ourselves to make a start and earn a living.

"For farmers, a CSA scheme offers a more predictable and secure income, lower risks and stronger relationships with the people who eat our produce.

"In return, members get fantastic quality vegetables at a fair price and a relationship to the people and land that produce their food.

"Customers will pay £480 for 32 weeks of veg boxes between mid-June and the end of January, receiving a big box of fresh vegetables every week.

"All produce is grown by Southern Roots Organics, and most of it is harvest on the day of the delivery.

"The contents of the boxes will vary according to what is in season, but will typically include nine to 10 varieties of produce, from spuds and leeks to salads, squash and tomatoes.

"Boxes will be available from the farm, in Beaminster and in Bridport."

To find out more and donate to the crowdfunder, visit www.crowdfunder.co.uk/community-supported-agriculture

ADAM Payne and Dee Butterly (pictured) of Southern Roots Organic in West Dorset have set up Dorset's first Community Supported Agriculture project

Salway Ash fundraising barn dance

THE Salway Ash Primary School Parents and Teachers Association are holding a fundraising barn dance.

There will be a live band, professional caller and a bar at the event on Saturday, April 22nd at Salway Ash Village Hall from 7.30pm.

Tickets cost £10, which includes a hog roast, and are available from Salway Ash Primary School or by calling Tor Hopkins on 07817 406721 or emailing torhopkins@icloud.com

All profits will go towards new play equipment at the school.

New businesses boom in Dorset

BUSINESS is booming in Dorset as more new companies were registered in the county during 2016 than in any previous year.

New figures show that in terms of new businesses, 8,113 were registered in Dorset compared to 7,791 in 2015.

The number of registered companies in the county now totals 50,419, up from 47,433 at the end of 2015, which equates to 6.3 per cent growth.

The statistics come from the Inform Direct Review of UK Company Formations, using data from Companies House and the Office of National Statistics.

Poole formed the most new businesses with 3,417, followed by Bournemouth with 2,118 and West Dorset with 987.

John Korchak, director of operations at Inform Direct, said: "These figures underline the positive entrepreneurial culture that fosters new company formations and drives economic growth.

"So far, at least, we are not seeing evidence that the Brexit vote has dented confidence among those considering starting up in business.

"Dorset again delivered an impressive number of new companies in 2016 – more than in any previous year – demonstrating that it offers a fertile environment for new businesses to spring up and prosper.

"The total number of companies in the county also passed the 50,000 milestone."

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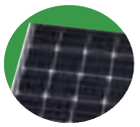

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Charity Stomp hailed a success

THE Bridport Youth and Community Centre's fundraising Charity Stomp has been hailed a success.

Dozens of children aged between two and 12, threw themselves into the fun and games and driving mini cars and bikes in the large gym.

Seven-year-old Aoife Schofield really enjoyed the party and said: "I love the youth centre, they let you ride cars in the gym."

Her mother Hester said: "The youth centre made everyone very welcome and even got the grown-ups dancing at the kids Charity Stomp."

After free play, the children had a quieter time while listening to storyteller Martin Maudsley.

He started by singing songs then thrilled the children with his suspenseful tale of a princess and her adventures.

Martin said: "I was delighted to support the youth centre with an afternoon of family storytelling – it is such a wonderful and much needed venue as a safe place for all the children of this town to meet and play, learn and grow.

"The stomp event was great fun and a fundraiser!"

Free refreshments were on offer, generously supplied by Oh Crumbs! and soft drinks supplied by Waitrose, with hot drinks made in the youth centre's own café.

Roz Copson, who organised the whole event, ably supported by her friends Lesley and Jean, said: "I am really pleased with the event, it was lovely to see all the children enjoying themselves, especially the look on the face of one little boy as he arrived and looked into the hall and said 'oh gosh!' with the biggest grin you can imagine."

The party ended with traditional games, such as grandmother's footsteps – in which the children try to sneak up on someone playing grandmother – musical statues and the hokey cokey, with the parents also joining in.

Raja Jarrah, father of Samir who is four and a half, said: "The youth centre party had so much to offer.

"Samir is a big fan of Martin's stories and threw himself into playing with the other children.

"He also enjoyed the vigorous games and he and I danced the Hokey Cokey – and that's what it is all about really, isn't it?"

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Bike marking event

THE Bridport Crime Prevention team, in conjunction with the police, will be holding a bike marking event on Saturday, March 18th between 10am and 2.30pm at Bridport police station in Tannery Road.

Members of the public wishing to have their bikes marked and registered are urged to attend.

Marking may prevent bikes from being stolen and if it is stolen, it can help police and retailers identify the legitimate owner of the bike.

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A MOVING EXPERIENCE

So, are you one of the millions who can't afford - or choose not - to buy your own property? If you love your outdoor space, it may be time to consider how to move your garden...

by Hannah Stephenson, Press Association

WITH nearly 50% of householders aged 25 to 35 renting a property, and an increasing number of landlords paving over gardens to make them 'no maintenance', taking your garden with you is a concept many of us might consider.

It's a theme adopted by acclaimed garden designer Tanya Batkin, who will be showing her 'Moveable Feast Garden' at the new RHS Chatsworth House Flower Show in Derbyshire from June 7-11.

Batkin explains: "My daughter is 'generation rent' with a tiny outdoor space - we are talking one pot. She had to have something bombproof, so we went for some succulents, some houseleeks.

"If you have room for a half barrel, you could put in one bamboo, some grasses and a heuchera, which is great for all-year-round interest. It gives you a nice combination of form and foliage."

Her show garden is made up of a series of brightly coloured wooden planters in palette and half-palette sizes. They are all on wheels, she points out, so easy to move.

'Rent generation' gardeners can buy wheeled stands and trolleys with which to move all manner of containers. There are many portable compost bins on the market - some of which are available free through local authorities - as well as lighter, resin-based containers, self-contained, easy-to-move water features and stick-in-the-ground solar lighting.

And you don't have to limit yourself to having flowering ornamental plants in your moveable pots, says Batkin.

"Because my show garden is called 'Moveable Feast', there's going to be a lot of edible planting. Things like bay, rosemary and lavender will grow happily in pots."

Planting with a view that you will not be in one place for long is a growing trend, says Mark Sage, head of horticulture at Wyevale Garden Centres.

"We continue to see a real interest in instant solutions from customers who are renting rather than buying properties now, and are more transient and wanting to take their purchases with them from house to house."

Plants with all-year-round interest such as viburnums are proving popular to give structure, flower and berries, and can be grown in pots which you can move, as well as camellias and perpetual-flowering patio roses, such as 'Carpet' roses and 'Fairy' roses, he says.

Edibles are also easy to grow in pots and are moveable. Dwarf fruit trees are also increasing in popularity, says Sage.

"Even in our 'grow your own' selections, we've seen an increase in patio varieties, simply because people have smaller spaces.

"Things like terrace patio fruit, varieties which are grafted on to a rootstock and will grow to about 5ft tall, will thrive in smaller spaces. We have tomato ranges which are suitable for pots and hanging baskets. Growing in smaller spaces is a focus for us.

"The continued interest in 'grow your own' has seen the breeders working extensively on getting really good, productive, great tasting fruit and vegetables suitable for container gardening, particularly with fruit trees."

Here are some of Batkin's tips to help the 'generation rent' maintain and move their gardens:

ON THE MOVE?

- If you have large plants or shrubs, gently contain wayward stems with strips of hessian to reduce damage during your move.
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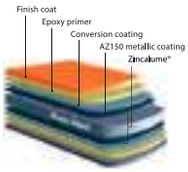

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Police report

DORSET Police are appealing for witnesses and anyone with information on the following crimes to contact them on 101, quoting the relevant occurrence number.

■ AT approximately 2.35pm on Monday, February 20th, a window of a white Toyota was smashed and a wallet was stolen from the car park of Hive Beach Café in Burton Bradstock.

The wallet contained a large amount of cash and credit cards. Occurrence number 55170025893 refers.

■ Sometime between 8am on Monday, February 13th and 5pm on Monday, February 20th, the chrome hub caps were stolen from a yellow Fiat 500 parked in Yarn Barton car park in Beaminster. Occurrence number 55170026194 refers.

■ Sometime between 9am on Thursday, February 23rd at 7am on Friday, February 24th, a rear window of a dwelling in Nursery Gardens, Bridport, was smashed. Occurrence number 55170028028 refers.

■ Between 6pm on Sunday, February 19th and 9am on Monday, February 20th, the fencing to a building site in East Street, Bridport, was cut and access gained to the building site.

Nothing was stolen and no entry was gained to the adjacent building, but this appears to be the third attempt at trespassing on this building site. Occurrence number 55170025978 refers.

Alternatively, anyone with information can contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111 or visit www.crimestopper-uk.org

'Good' report for Dorset Police on safety and crime reduction

DORSET Police have been rated 'good' for their approach to keeping people safe and reducing crime.

The report forms part of Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) Police Effectiveness, Efficiency and Legitimacy (PEEL) inspection.

It assessed Dorset Police's approach to crime prevention and keeping people safe.

That includes efforts to tackle anti-social behaviour and organised crime, and working with partners to support vulnerable victims.

The inspection also looked at standards of crime investigation and how offenders are managed.

The inspectorate found that the force provides an effective service to the public, with a clear priority to reduce harm across the county.

Once again, Dorset Police was praised for its work to identify and protect the most vulnerable people in society, with effective partnership working and continued investment in this area of policing.

HMIC reported that the force maintains a visible presence in local communities and that crime investigations are completed to a good standard by skilled and experienced officers.

It also acknowledged that Dorset Police is good at safeguarding the public from dangerous and prolific offenders.

Officers and staff understand the threat and risk from organised crime groups and effectively disrupt their activities.

The report also recognised that Dorset Police is experiencing resource pressures, with work to protect people at risk of harm creating more demand.

Deputy Chief Constable, James Vaughan, said: "I very much welcome HMIC's good grading.

"It is heartening for all our officers and staff that the effort they make every day are viewed positively.

"Of particular note, I am pleased to see that Dorset Police has once again been singled out for our ability to protect the most vulnerable people in our communities, something which will always be a priority.

"Even though this approach brings additional demands and will continue to be an area that requires investment, keeping people safe who are most at risk must remain a cornerstone of policing.

"The force is currently looking at how it manages pressures on its resources, to ensure we can sustain a high quality of service to the public to deal with the changing demands to policing."

The inspection also found that Dorset Police has effective specialist teams and works well with other forces to respond to regional and national criminality, such as organised crime, terrorism, cyber-crime and child sexual abuse.

The report concludes that Dorset Police's plan for reducing crime demonstrates a strong commitment to prevention and keeping people safe.

Martyn Underhill, Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset, said: "The findings of this report show that Dorset Police is working hard to provide an innovative, effective response to the emerging crimes our communities face.

"Safeguarding the vulnerable, reducing crime, developing a robust approach to prolific offenders and visible community policing are issues at the heart of public safety and issues that residents regularly tell me are important to them.

"For the second time, HMIC have shown Dorset Police to be 'good' in these vital areas of policing.

"This report recognises the complex policing challenges the force faces and the ongoing financial pressures felt by forces nationally, but commends Dorset Police on the positive efforts being made to meet these demands."

Appeal for witnesses after tractor stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to come forward after thieves stole a tractor from a farm in West Dorset.

Sometime between 5pm on Friday, February 24th and 7am on Saturday, February 25th, a new blue Holland tractor T50/60 with the registration of HF11 FSS was stolen from a farm near Halstock.

The tractor was driven out of the farm southbound towards Winyards Gap on the A358.

Prior to reaching the A358, the tractor was driven through a padlocked metal farm gate before continuing toward the A358.

Police Constable John Poe, of Dorset Police, said: "I am appealing to anyone who saw or heard anything suspicious in the area of Halstock between the relevant times to please contact me.

"I am also keen to hear from anyone who witnessed the tractor being driven toward the A358 or knows of its current whereabouts.

"Dorset Police is committed toward tackling rural crime and we would advise businesses and residents to please visit www.dorset.police.uk for crime prevention advice and how to contact their local officers."

Anyone with information should contact Dorset Police at www.dorset.police.uk, email 101@dorset.pnn.police.uk or by calling 101 quoting occurrence number 5517 0028503.

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TRANSMISSION

Your guide to local live music

International Womens Day concert with O'Hooley & Tidow, Lady Maisery & Grace Petrie

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Coven: Featuring O'Hooley & Tidow play at Bridport Arts Centre on Thursday, March 9th at 7.30pm. Tickets are £14 and £12 concessions, available from www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204.

Coven

Celebration of Legendary Jazz Singer Billie Holiday

KNOWN FOR her definitive interpretations of classic jazz standards such as Summertime, Love Me or Leave Me and God Bless the Child, Billie Holiday is considered to be one of the greatest jazz vocalists of all time. Listen to vocalist Julie Dunn and pianist Philip Clouts in a tribute to Holiday's ongoing legacy as part of the Marine Theatre 'Jazz in the Bar' series in Lyme Regis on Sunday, March 12th.

Born in America in 1915, by 1933 Billie Holiday was already singing in Harlem jazz clubs, where she was discovered by the producer and talent scout John Hammond. Hammond immediately arranged three recording sessions for her with Benny Goodman and found more work for her in New York clubs. In 1935, he began recording her regularly, usually under the direction of Teddy Wilson, with studio bands that included many of the finest jazz musicians of the day. These recordings, made between 1935 and 1942, constitute a major body of jazz music; many include work by saxophonist Lester Young, with whom Holiday had particular empathy. The recordings caught the attention of musicians throughout America and soon other singers were working in Holiday's light, rhythmic manner.

Popularity with a wider audience came more slowly. Holiday joined Count Basie in 1937 and Artie Shaw in 1938, becoming one of the first black singers to be featured with a white orchestra. She started to have success with slow, melancholy songs of unrequited love, particularly Lover Man (1944). By the end of the 1940s, she was a popular star, and in 1946 took part in the film New Orleans with Louis Armstrong and Kid Ory.

Although she continued to sing and record, and to tour frequently until the mid-1950s, it was no longer with her former spirit and skill. She died in 1959.

Holiday is often considered the foremost female singer in jazz history, a view substantiated by her influence on later singers. Her voice carried a wounded poignancy that was part of her attraction for audiences.

Julie Dunn is the perfect vocalist to pay tribute to Billie Holiday. She has released four CDs, playing alongside Johnny Dankworth's son Alec, and she has toured the country playing in prestigious venues such as the Vortex and the 606 Club in London.

Julie will be joined by pianist Philip Clouts of whom *Jazzwise Magazine* has said "Clouts' solos have an attractively crisp, bluesy clarity that's punctuated with evocative impressionism".

Julie Dunn and Philip Clouts perform for Jazz in the Bar at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Sunday, March 12th at 8pm. Tickets are £11, available online at www.marinetheatre.com or by calling 01297 442138.

Brit Award winner Beverly Craven plays Dorchester

BRIT AWARD winner Beverly Craven will be performing both her timeless classics and new material at Dorchester Arts this Saturday, March 11th.

Dorchester Arts is one of a handful of select venues to be hosting Beverly as she continues to promote her acclaimed latest album 'Change of Heart'.

Beverley became a household name in the early 90s with her single, Promise Me, becoming a huge hit across Europe. She followed that up with a string of chart successes including 'Memories', 'Holding On', 'Woman To Woman' and 'Love Scenes'. Her new album is a more personal reflection on her life and career following a recent recovery from breast cancer."

With a witty narrative and unforgettable melodies, her poignant sentiments will leave you with a warm glow of nostalgia, or maybe even the odd tear.

Beverly Craven plays at Dorchester Corn Exchange on Saturday, March 11 at 8pm.

Tickets are £22.50 full price or £20.50 for Members of Dorchester Arts, under-18s or those on low income, and are available from the Dorchester Arts box office on 01305 266926, in person at the Corn Exchange (weekdays 10am - 4pm) or via the website at www.dorchesterarts.org.uk.

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Absolute Bowie has been voted one of the best tribute bands in the UK with their energetic (and theatrical!) stage show. Prepare to be taken from A to Z (Absolute Beginners to Ziggy!) with Stations to Station in between.

Absolute Bowie play live at The Gateway in Seaton on Friday, March 17th, with doors opening at 7.30pm. Tickets are £15 in advance, or £18 on the door, available from The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699 open Monday-Friday 10am to 4pm, and Saturday 10am to 1pm. Card payments accepted.

Absolute Bowie. Photo by Emily Aldridge Photography

Celebrating Ella's centenary

PRAISED as the 'First lady of Song', Ella Fitzgerald was a much loved jazz singer who applied her impeccable vocal style to many of the tunes which have become known as the 'Great American Songbook'.

In what is Ella's centenary year, her inspirational singing will be celebrated by vocalist Maggie Reeday (who has appeared four times on ITV and sung with the BBC Radio Orchestra) featuring internationally renowned pianist Philip Clouts & his Trio. Expect to hear many favourites including How High The Moon and The Lady is a Tramp.

Maggie Reeday and Philip Clouts play at The Gateway in Seaton on Friday, March 24th. Doors open 7.30pm with performance 8pm. Tickets are £13 in advance, available from The Gateway Box Office 01297 625699.

Maggie Reeday

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The duo will also play at the Marine Theatre, Lyme Regis on Saturday, March 11th at 8pm. Tickets are £13 or £12 concessions. For more details or to book call 01297 442138 or visit www.marinetheatre.com

The Oxley Meier Guitar Project

Marine Theatre to screen Embrace

BODY IMAGE activist Taryn Brumfitt wrote, produced and directed *Embrace* after an unconventional 'before and after' photo she posted in 2013 was seen over 100 million times and sparked an international media frenzy.

The Marine Theatre will be showing *Embrace* this Thursday, March 9th at 8pm.

Embrace is told from the point of view of Taryn as she traverses the globe talking to experts, women in the street and well-known personalities about the alarming rates of body image issues that are seen in people of all body types. She interviews Ricki Lake, Amanda de Cadenet, Jeffrey Madoff, Dr Linda Bacon, Mia Freedman and more.

Taryn says: "I felt really compelled to make the film because so many people had reached out to me.

"When I read those 7000 emails it wasn't just females from 35 to 45 years of age that wrote to me it was people from all walks of life sharing their stories of body image issues.

"This isn't a fluffy, body image piece that gets tacked on to the end of a news segment, this is an issue that's affecting millions of people every single day."

Tickets for the screening of *Embrace* are £9.75, available at tickets.demand.film/event/1506

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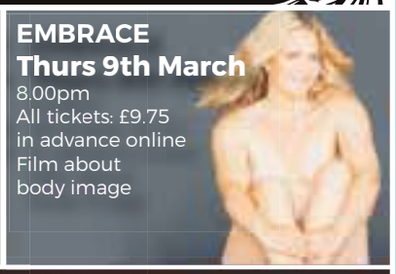

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Touch Stones

B-SIDE upped sticks and made the permanent move to the Isle of Portland in Dorset last year. Taking over an empty shop space in Fortuneswell, the new space became a real hub at the Festival in September and has since hosted various community and artist events.

This March sees the start of programme of activities that will experiment with and investigate how b-side and others can make use of the project space. A creatively diverse programme is already shaping up, beginning with work by Somerset sculptor Simon Hitchens.

Simon is showing a group of work entitled 'Touch Stones' which centres on his film Genesis, which explores ideas of what it is to be human and our relationship to the impermanence of life. There is an uncanny simplicity to the film like the meditative calm found in a Zen garden, where displaced rocks become almost body-like. What at first appears to be a benign boulder sat in an arcane landscape slowly begins to take on human qualities: is this a genesis, or the genesis?

Talking on the project, Simon commented: "The film can be viewed as a landscape painting, a still life or even a self-portrait. I chose to use film because I wished to explore my ideas through a new medium, one that challenged how I went about making my art. The process of making it was slow, and involved working with a technical editor which in turn allowed me a greater degree of objectivity that I found rewarding."

Join Simon at outpost on Saturday, March 16th at 7pm to hear more about his work. Please see website for all info and booking details.

'Touch Stones' is open from March 16th until April 8th, Tuesday to Saturday, 12-5pm. Admission FREE. For more details visit the website www.b-side.org.uk

Simon Hitchens: Portrait of the artist with Flesh of the World

Mother and Daughter: I'm Glad I Asked!

AS WOMEN march en masse across the world in protest at the new Trump Presidency, and we celebrate International Women's Day on Wednesday, March 8th, it has become an important time in history for women to make their voices heard. A solo show coming to The Lyric Theatre in Bridport on Friday, March 10th celebrates mothers and daughters in a special and timely performance.

Dorset artist and performer Michele O'Brien, now caring for her elderly mother, began a year ago to ask her mother the answers to the questions she had always wanted to know but didn't like to ask. Michele then embarked on a year-long project to encourage Mothers and Daughters to ask each other all the things they wanted to know before it was essentially too late. Accompanied by visual artist Denise Poote and photographer Caroline Johnson, Michele worked with women and recorded the questions and answers to some comfortable and not so comfortable questions.

Michele's research led her to create a new one-woman show exploring the relationship with her own mother. She now brings it to The Lyric Theatre in Bridport on Friday, March 10th, accompanied by an exhibition of the research and a free workshop for mothers and daughters the following day.

Mother and Daughter: I'm Glad I Asked is a funny, tender heart-felt, one woman show drawn from workshops across the area with local women and life with Michele's own 91-year-old mother, Gena. It is an honest and truthful reflection on what it means to have an older parent and the questions we need to ask, but rarely get the chance to. We often hear people say "If only I asked!" when a parent is no longer with us but Michele is determined to change that.

Michele and her director Katherina Radeva were at The Lyric for a fortnight in September last year to create the piece. Michele says, "The Lyric was a beautiful creation space to work in and we can't wait to bring the finished show back here."

Tickets are £12, available in advance from Bridport Arts Centre: 01308 424204 / www.bridport-arts.com and BearKat Bistro, or on the door if available from 7pm.

An exhibition of the research and work that took place in workshops in Dorset over the last year takes place on Friday, March at 8pm (doors 7pm).

A free memory workshop for Mothers and Daughters (16yrs+) takes place on Saturday, March 11th, 11am to 12.30pm.

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Howzat?! One-man show about cricket legend comes to Dorchester

THE HIGH SHERIFF of Dorset and Dorset County Cricket Club are combining to sponsor a second performance in the county of the one-man show "When the Eye Has Gone", to be staged in the Theatre of the Thomas Hardye School in Dorchester at 7.30pm on Monday, March 20th. All proceeds will be divided between the Dorset Shrievalty Charitable Trust and the mental health charity MIND.

Those of us with longish memories and a love of cricket may remember Colin (Ollie) Milburn as one of England's most exciting and likeable players, whose star burned brightly, but, sadly, all too briefly.

This is the theme of a brilliant one-man show, "When the eye has gone", based on his life, which is taking place on Monday, March 20th at 7.30pm, at the Thomas Hardye's School Theatre, Queens Avenue, Dorchester DT1 2ET.

The show received great reviews in *The Guardian* and *The Telegraph*, and from its tour around the 18 first-class counties. The attached press releases give more details of both the show and the Shrievalty Fund/MIND charity, to which proceeds will be given.

Tickets are only £10. To reserve tickets, contact Mike Williams on 01305 756593 or mikewilliams969@hotmail.com .

Dan Gaisford as Colin Milburn

Bridport Story Cafe: The Falcon Bride

BEAUTIFUL, fierce and deadly, Hallgerd is not a woman to be taken lightly, ripping through husbands like a falcon through its prey. But has she met her match in Gunnar, a true Viking hero?

Katy Cawkwell tells episodes from the great Icelandic Njal's Saga, offering a fascinating glimpse into pagan society in the land of fire and ice. Darkly comic, tragically romantic by turns, this is a tale of sex, murder, power politics and the importance of salt fish… the original Nordic Noir!

Katy has been storytelling for 20 years across Britain and beyond. She is well-known for unravelling epic narratives into compelling, glittering stories that linger in the mind long after they are told.

The storytelling begins at 7.30pm on Friday, March 17th. The evening is suitable for adults and older children. Tickets are £8 (£5 concessions) available on the night and in advance from Bridport Arts Centre box office 01308 424204 or website www.bridport-arts.com

Salaam

Sonia Sabri Company bring 'peace' to Dorset

SALAAM, meaning 'peace', is Sonia Sabri Company's latest stunning creation, devised in response to the unrest around the world. This double-bill programme cleverly weaves a dialogue between live music and Kathak dance, and will be touring to Dorset in March through Artsreach, the counties touring arts charity.

Sonia Sabri Company is one of Britain's leading South Asian Dance and Music companies, exciting the national and international dance scene by presenting Kathak dance in new spaces and contexts, and to new audiences, developing a distinctive, contemporary style which speaks to the here and now. With the world-renowned Tabla maestro Sarvar Sabri performing outstanding compositions of rhythm, and accompaniment on powerful vocals by the talented Shoma Dey on the harmonium, the performance is fuelled with a vibrating a resonance.

Poignant metaphorical narratives combined with Sonia's command of intricate footwork, eloquent gesture and rapid spins takes audiences on a powerful journey. Early booking is advised.

Sonia Sabri Company bring *Salaam* to Halstock Village Hall on Friday, March 17th at 7.30pm.

Oh My Country!

Shappi Khorsandi talks everything from Morris Dancing to Morrissey in her new show

SHAPPI is celebrating the fortieth anniversary of her arrival in Britain. She's reclaiming patriotism, sending a love letter to her adopted land. Please don't come if you're a skinhead (though naturally bald folk are welcome).

Star of Live At The Apollo, Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow, Friday Night with Jonathan Ross, Have I Got News for You and Q.I, she is back with a brand new show for 2017.

She has whip-crack jokes and is effortlessly funny as she handles every subject with a razor sharp wit, softened only by her deliciously mischievous delivery and endless charm.

Shappi Khorsandi is also the best selling author of 'A Beginners Guide to Acting English' and her debut novel 'Nina is not OK' is published by Ebury in July 2016. Shappi was also recently elected president of the British Humanist society.

Shappi Khorsandi comes to Bridport Arts Centre this Friday, March 10th at 8pm. Tickets are £15, and £13 concessions, available online at www.bridport-arts.com or by calling 01308 424204. The show is suitable for over 16s only.

This week's new cinema

KONG: SKULL ISLAND 12A
A TEAM of explorers and soldiers travel to an uncharted island in the Pacific, unaware that they are crossing into the domain of monsters, including the mythic Kong.
Stars Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L Jackson and Brie Larson.

I.T. 15
MIKE REGAN has everything he could ever want, a beautiful family and a top of the line smart house. The company he owns is on the verge of changing flight leasing forever. That is, until the relationship with his I.T. advisor turns nasty, to the point where his teenage daughter is being stalked and his family is under attack through every technological facet of their lives.
Stars Pierce Brosnan, Jason Barry and Karen Moskow.

ALONE IN BERLIN 15
BERLIN, 1940. Working class couple Otto and Anna Quangel receive the news that their only son has lost his life in the battlefield and decide to resist the Nazi regime in their very own way. Soon the Gestapo is hunting "the threat".
Stars Emma Thompson, Daniel Brühl and Brendan Gleeson.

Cinema Listings

Fri, Mar 10th - Thu, Mar 16th

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Fist Fight 15
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Kong: Skull Island 12A
Fri-Mon: 11.30, 14.30, 17.30, 20.30
Tue-ThuL 17.30, 20.30
Logan 15
Fri-Sun: 14.00, 17.15, 20.00
Tue-Thu: 17.15, 20.00
Sing 2D U
Sat & Sun: 11.45, 14.45
The Lego Batman Movie U
Sat: 11.00, 13.45, Sun: 11.45, 14.30
The Time of Their Lives 15
Fri, Mon: 11.45, 14.45, 17.45, 20.45
Sat, Sun, Tue-Thu: 17.45, 20.45
Viceroy's House 12A
Fri, Mon: 11.15, 14.15, 17.00
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Sun: 12.30, 20.45
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Mon: 20.45
La La Land 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 14.30,
Tue & Thu: 20.20
Logan 15
Daily: 13.45, 16.50, 20.00
Moonlight 15
Fri-Sun, Wed: 20.20
Sing 2D U
Sat & Sun: 11.15am
Storks U
Sat & Sun: 10.00am
The Lego Batman Movie U
Sat & Sun: 9.45, 12.15, 15.00
Viceroy's House 12A
Fri, Mon, Wed: 12.00, 17.30
Sat & Sun: 17.30
Tue & Thu: 11.15, 17.30

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Sun 12th: 15.00

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Fifty Shades Darker 18
Fri, Mon-Thu: 17.50,
Sat & Sun: 17.00
Finding Dory U
Sat & Sun: 10.30am
Fist Fight 15
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 12.00, 21.15,
Sat & Sun: 21.15
Hidden Figures PG
Fri, Mon, Wed, Thu: 13.30, 17.15,
Sat & Sun: 17.15,
Tue: 12.00, 21.15
John Wick: Chapter 2 15
Daily: 17.30
Kong: Skull Island 3D 12A
Daily: 12.45, 18.15
Kong: Skull Island 2D 12A
Fri: 14.20, 15.30, 17.10, 19.00, 20.00, 21.00, 21.40
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Mon-Thu: 14.20, 15.30, 17.10, 19.00, 20.00, 21.00
Lion PG
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.00, 20.40,
Sat & Sun: 19.50
Logan 15
Fri, Mon-Tue, Thu: 13.10, 14.10, 16.20, 17.20, 19.30, 20.30
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Wed: 13.10, 14.10, 16.20, 17.20, 19.30
Moonlight 15
Fri: 13.00, Sat: 11.50, 20.20
Sun: 20.20,
Mon-Thu: 12.30, 15.10, 20.20
Patriots Day 15
Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.00,
Sat & Sun: 11.40am
Sing U
Fri, Mon-Thu: 16.30,
Sat & Sun: 11.15, 13.50, 16.30
The Great Wall 12A
Daily: 14.40
The Lego Batman Movie 2D U
Fri: 16.00, Sat: 12.30, 13.30, 15.00, 16.00
Sun: 10.50, 12.30, 13.30, 15.00, 16.00
Mon-Thu: 16.00
The Time of Their Lives 12A
Fri, Mon-Thu: 12.15, 18.30,
Sun: 18.30
Viceroy's House 12A
Fri, Mon-Tue, Thu: 15.00, 20.10,
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Young Musicians' Spring Concert in aid of Julia's House

DORCHESTER will be treated to a special concert given by young musicians from local schools on Sunday, March 19th.

There will be a varied programme of music performed by young people of all ages, brought together by the Dorchester Area Schools Partnership.

The concert will be held in the Corn Exchange, from 2.30pm – 4.30pm. (Doors open at 2pm). There will be free entry and a retiring collection for Julia's House, the Dorset children's hospice.

Refreshments will be served, and there is also a special raffle. Do come along and hear the amazing talent of our local young people.

Banff Mountain Film Festival returns bigger than ever!

THE Banff Mountain Film Festival World Tour is back in the UK and Ireland for 2017, with more screenings and more action than ever before.

Featuring an evening of exhilarating adventure films, the tour comes to Weymouth Pavilion on Friday, March 24th.

"It's fantastic to be back with our biggest tour yet – a reflection of the enormous appetite for adventure that UK and Irish audiences have," says Tour Director Nell Teasdale.

"The Banff Tour is more than a series of exhilarating film nights. Each screening offers a real sense of community, bringing together people with a wide range of outdoor passions. And we guarantee that viewers will leave with new enthusiasm and inspiration for their own adventures too!"

The short films, starring the world's top adventurers on exciting journeys in mind-blowing destinations, are selected from hundreds of films entered into the prestigious Banff Mountain Film Festival held every year in the Canadian Rockies.

This year's UK and Ireland tour includes 14 hugely diverse films, featuring everything from tales of high-adrenaline action to poignant environmental documentaries. There's also a significant focus on women in adventure; and the collection stars a number of UK adventurers, as well as athletes and escapades from all over the globe.

The films are split between two different programmes, each lasting about 21/2 hours, with free prize giveaways at each screening. The tour is part of the wider Banff World Tour, which travels the globe each year, visiting nearly 50 countries and reaching more than 400,000 people worldwide.

The full film programme is available at www.banff-uk.com/films.

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UNTIL WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH

Lyme Regis: Dorset based artists Esme James and Lucy Tidbury will be displaying their original paintings and prints inspired by the English countryside alongside local furniture designer Jason Cameron with a selection of his contemporary hardwood furniture at this exhibition entitled Essence of Nature. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Courtyard Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

UNTIL SUNDAY MARCH 19TH

Lyme Regis: Art in Action sees four local painters of landscapes, abstracts and mixed media—Julie Oldfield, Philip Clayton, Irina Song and Duncan Harris—turn the Malthouse into their open studio for two weeks. Open daily 10.30-4.00. Free admission. The Malthouse Gallery, The Town Mill, Mill Lane, Lyme Regis DT7 3PU

WEDNESDAY MARCH 8TH

Dorchester: Classic film 'Reach for the Sky' showing at Age UK Dorchester. Cinema lights will dim at 1.45pm, tea and biscuits served during the showing for just £1.50, ice creams also available. Everyone welcome. For more details call 01305 269444.
Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
Lyme Regis: Lent lunches at St Michael's Parish Church Hall, 12.30-1.30pm. In aid of Christian Aid.

THURSDAY MARCH 9TH

Dorchester: 'Auriculas for Everyone' talk by Gil & Lesley Roberts of Pop's Plants, National Collection Holders of Auriculas. At the Conference Room, Kingston Maurward College. 7pm for 7.30pm. Visitors welcome £2.50, students £1 at the door.
Dorchester: Thursday Group meeting at St George's Church Hall. Wendy Hilton will give a presentation of her holiday to India, covering visits relating to religion, palaces, mausoleums and street life. Start at 2.15pm, and the charge is £1, which includes a biscuit and a cup of tea/coffee. All are welcome. For more details call 01305 269834.
Eype, Bridport: Aqua fit classes for all ages and abilities. Get fit while having fun in the water. 10.30-11.30am, Highland's End swimming pool. Also Baby and Toddler classes 11.30-12noon. Contact Penny Yarnold on 07970 879 047 for more details. Swimming lessons also available.

FRIDAY MARCH 10TH

Weymouth: Knot and Natter Coffee Morning 11am-12noon. Afternoon Talk by Anna Pavord - gardening correspondent. Time and admission to be confirmed. All events at Weymouth Library. More details from The Secretary on 01305 832613. Knit and Natter contact 01305 777476. Booking advisable.
Bridport: Christian Aid Lent Soup & Roll Lunch. At Catherine & St Mary Church, at Swithuns Church, Allington. Everybody is welcome to this friendly and relaxed lunch. Suggested donation of £2.50. 2.45pm.
Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
Lyme Regis: U3A Heritage Coast. 'The Victorian Head Gardener': a talk by Francis Burroughes. Discover the fascinating life of the Victorian country estate from the perspective of those 'on the ground'. Woodmead Halls, Hill Road, Lyme Regis DT7 3PG. Coffee/tea from 10.00am, talk at 11.00am. Free for members, suggested donation for talk £2 to non-members. More information about the U3A at website lymeregisu3a.org or phone 01297-444566.
Martinstown: Exercise to Music. Martinstown Village Hall. 10am. For more details call 01308 426390.
West Bay, Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, George Street. 3pm. For more details call 01308 426390.

SATURDAY MARCH 11TH

Loders: West Dorset Group of the SDFHS meeting at Loders Village Hall, 2.00. Roy Stockdill will talk about 'Celebrities with Dorset Roots' including Judi Dench, Ricky Gervais, Kate Winslet and Emma Chambers. All welcome, members £1.50, visitors £3.00 includes tea and biscuits.For more details contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com
Osmington: Coffee Morning in aid of Weldmar at Craig's Farm Dairy. 10am-12.30pm. Coffee/tea and cake £2. Raffle.
Uplyme: Jumble Sale and Coffee Morning at Uplyme Village Hall. 11am-1pm. Free entry. Books, games, toys, DVDs, bric-a-brac, refreshments, cakes and much more!

MONDAY MARCH 13TH

Burton Bradstock: Biodanza at Othona. Express, Connect, Relax! Dance like no one's watching, no steps to learn, no partner needed, uplifting world music and holistic health benefits. For all ages from 19 to 90. 7.15pm for 7.30pm. Join in bimonthly with teacher Julia Hope-Brightwell (Jewell). Cost £8 (Cons avail). Othona Community, Coast Road, Burton Bradstock DT6 4RN. Contact Robin 01308 897 130 / biodanza-bridport.co.uk
Beaminster: Moviola presents 'Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children' at Beaminster Public Hall. Doors 7pm, film 7.30pm. Tickets at Yarn Barton 01308 862715. Weekdays 9.30-12.30, and Saturdays 9.30-1pm. Or call 01308 861746. £5 in advance, £5.50 on the door.
Southill: The next meeting of the Radipole & Southill Horticultural Society will be held at the Southill Community Centre on Monday 13 March at 7.30pm. The invited speaker is Bob Ford and he will presenting on the subject of "Radipole before the RSPB". Refreshments will be available and everyone is welcome.
Bridport: Exercise to Music. WI Hall, North Street. 5.45pm. For more details call 01308 426390.
Eype, Bridport: Aqua fit classes for all ages and abilities. Get fit while having fun in the water. 10.30-11.30am, Highland's End swimming pool. Also Baby and Toddler classes 11.30-12noon. Contact Penny Yarnold on 07970 879 047 for more details. Swimming lessons also available.

TUESDAY MARCH 14TH

Askerswell: Stott Pilates, Askerswell Village Hall 9:30 to 10:30am. Book or turn up on the day. Every Friday. For more details call 07585356929 or email Debbie.rushen@googlemail.com
Bridport: Bridport History Society, United Church Hall, East St. Bridport, 2.30. Eric Galvin will talk about 'Joseph Clark a popular Victorian artist and his world' Joseph was from Cerne Abbas. All welcome, members £1.00, visitors £2.50. For more details contact Jane on 01308 425710 or email: jferentzi@aol.com
West Bay, Bridport: Chair-based Exercise. WI Hall, George Street. 10.15am. For more details call 01308 426390.
Broadwindsor: Broadwindsor Jammers Guitar Club, Comrades Hall, Broadwindsor, 2pm - 5pm. Every 2nd Tuesday. Simply turn up with your acoustic guitar and music stand, if you have one, and enjoy a fun afternoon of playing popular songs from most genres using song sheets with chords provided. All ages and abilities welcome. The cost for the afternoon is only £3 which includes refreshments at half-time. For further information phone Geoff on 01308 867221 or email geoff381@hotmail.com

WEDNESDAY MARCH 15TH

Eype, near Bridport: West Dorset Decorative & Fine Arts Society lecture. 'Eric Ravilious - A Life In Pictures' speaker James Russell. At Highlands End Leisure Centre, 2.30pm. For more details call 01297 443615.
Martinstown: Chair-based exercise. Martinstown Village Hall. 11am. For more details call 01308 426390.
Uplyme: Uplyme and Lyme Regis Horticultural Society trip to the National Trust's Kingston Lacy. We hope the snowdrops will still be in full bloom, there will be a guided tour of the house and garden laid on, so plenty to see and do whatever the weather. The coach leaves Uplyme Village Hall at 9 am - for National Trust members the cost is £12, non-members £21. If you are not a member of ULRHS you are still welcome for an extra £3. Please ring Jenny Harding on 01297 444034 to book your place, as son as possible so that numbers can be finalised.
Lyme Regis: Lent lunches at St Michael's Parish Church Hall, 12.30-1.30pm. In aid of Christian Aid.
Dorchester: Coffee Pop in at Dorchester Community Church, Acland Road. 9.30am-12noon. A warm welcome awaits as well as a tea or coffee. Stall selling small items including books, bric-a-brac, and handcrafted greetings cards for all occasions. All proceeds are for the work of Dorcas Wessex Trust. Everyone welcome. Come and bring a friend.
Dorchester: Aquinas Piano Trio at Dorchester County Museum, 7.30pm. Ruth Rogers (violin), Katherine Jenkinson (cello), Martin Cousin (piano), Sarah-Jane Bradley (viola) and Paul Kimber (double bass) perform pieces by Schubert and Brahms.

THURSDAY MARCH 16TH

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club Horseshoes 5-club competition at Kilmington Village Hall, 7.30pm.
Eype, Bridport: Aqua fit classes for all ages and abilities. Get fit while having fun in the water. 10.30-11.30am, Highland's End swimming pool. Also Baby and Toddler classes 11.30-12noon. Contact Penny Yarnold on 07970 879 047 for more details. Swimming lessons also available.

FRIDAY MARCH 17TH

Lyme Regis: Lyme Bay Photographic Club talk. Speaker: Bruce Upton, from Bridport Museum, will talk about 'All Stations to West Bay' plus show various portraits of local people. At Woodmead Halls DT7 3PG.

Nicky Sweetland's

Showtime

ON THE SHOWBIZ BEAT

Time to turn the mobiles off, theatregoers

■ Ralf Little and Kate Fleetwood star in the harrowing Ugly Lies the Bone at the National Theatre *Photo by Mark Douet*

MY THEATRICAL enjoyment was once again hampered this week by the scourge of the mobile phone.

It comes in a week when the government has introduced stiffer penalties for those using their phone while driving and I think we should all take a long hard look at our need for almost constant engagement with the digital world.

Those of you who know me well, will have noticed that I'm a bit of a slave to social media and I hate missing emails or messages, however I would never have my phone on in the car and would die of embarrassment if it ever went off in the theatre.

During a media night performance of Wicked last week the couple sitting in front of me intermittently checked their social media throughout the performance, which was hugely distracting for those around them.

We are not talking about the sound of ringing or even the odd ping of a message (which most people thankfully now understand to be inappropriate) but instead a continuous influx of light pollution, which detracted from the carefully crafted ambience.

What many people don't realise is that your phone acts as a spotlight when you're in the theatre, so everyone on stage and around the auditorium can see you.

In fact, when I perched in an onstage seat at a recent performance of *This House* at the Garrick Theatre, one particular numpty was lit up like a carnival float for most of Act one, as she couldn't bear to be away from her phone.

It's generally not young people who are the main culprits either, and I just wish we could fine the perpetrators and use the money to pay for those less fortunate to attend in their stead.

I know hundreds of people who simply can't afford to see West End shows and yet night after night there are rude and selfish people who buy tickets and then don't pay attention to the production.

Someone once told me that they had a family emergency and so they had to keep the phone on just incase the situation changed. If you've got a family emergency, why the devil are you going to the theatre in the first place?

Worse than that, at my most recent visit to the Arts Theatre for a press performance, a reviewer who was sitting next to me kept lighting up to check messages throughout. I scowled at him, but he didn't take the hint.

I have previously simply told people to turn their phones off, but you are never sure if you're going to be greeted with an angry response, so I've become more careful recently.

It's not just phones that cause anger among regular theatregoers and this week the issue of whether food should be allowed has been a hot topic.

Imelda Staunton hit the headlines last year by saying food should be banned from the theatre and this week the producers of her latest play, *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf* at the Harold Pinter Theatre have granted her wish.

An article on The Stage's website (www.thestage.co.uk) claims that in an email to ticket bookers, Ambassador Theatre Group – which operates the Harold Pinter – said no food would be allowed to be eaten during the show.

"Out of consideration for the actors and for fellow audience members, we ask that no food be consumed during the performance," it said.

I don't want to discourage people from going to the theatre, but if you can't manage a couple of hours without eating or checking your phone, well in my opinion, you shouldn't be there.

As you can gather, it really gets my goat and the stagey world has been filled with discussions over the best course of action for a long time.

Right, that's my rant over.

I didn't let the phone issue ruin my time in the capital and I had a busy week filled with theatre outings, which included another trip to see Wicked (awesome as usual) a visit to the Apollo to see Tom Stoppard's *Travesties* (a bit above me!) and my first ever visit to the National Theatre to see a play called *Ugly Lies the Bone,* which was pretty harrowing stuff.

I also auditioned for my latest local stage foray and I will let you know if I was successful in due course.

Next week I'm off to see *The Diary of a Teenage Girl* at Southwark Playhouse and as I'm a custodian of a female adolescent, I'm approaching it with trepidation.

I'll also have the pleasure of seeing Harry Potter star Daniel Radcliffe on stage at the Old Vic, which is very exciting and I've got a few celebrity interviews on the cards.

You can read all of my reviews and interviews on our websites londonnewsonline.co.uk and viewnews.co.uk or you can follow me on Twitter for regular updates @NickySweetland

■ Eating has been banned during performances of Imelda Staunton's new play

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By Julia Gray, Press Association

1. The size of your home, especially the number of bathrooms or shower rooms you have, and how much heating and hot water your household uses, will largely determine your choice of boiler. There are three main types of boiler: regular, system and combi. Regular boilers need a cylinder (to store hot water) and tanks. System boilers also need a hot-water cylinder, which allows them to feed several outlets, such as taps and showers, at the same time, but they don't need tanks.

2. Combis are a popular choice, as you only have to find room for the boiler itself - there are no tanks or cylinder, although some combis have a built-in tank, which gives the higher flow rate needed in a bigger property. Combis heat water on demand, so you only pay for what you use, and they deliver it at mains pressure. Combis are most suitable for homes with one bathroom/shower room, although they can work in homes with two, providing they're powerful enough. If you have more bathrooms than that, a combi probably isn't suitable.

3. If you're renovating a property that hasn't been updated in decades, it may be necessary to change the whole central heating system. A new boiler, cylinder, radiators and adjustable radiator valves should make a big difference to how good - and efficient - the system is, but don't overlook the pipework. If the central heating system is gravity fed and you're switching to a pressurised system, the pipework will be under pressure for the first time and may leak as a result. Old copper pipework may not be done to today's standards and may even be leaking without you knowing, so leaving it in place can be a false economy. Most plumbers now use plastic pipework where it can't be seen, such as under floorboards, because it's quicker and easier to fit than copper. They should use copper where it can be seen, such as radiator pipes, and close to the boiler, where it's too hot for plastic.

4. If your boiler has a hot-water cylinder, you may want to get rid of it by fitting a combi, or relocate the cylinder, as new cylinders are often a different shape and size to old ones. This could free up space in your bathroom for a shower cubicle where the airing cupboard/cylinder was, for example. Old boilers also tend to be large, but many new ones aren't and some are so small that they fit in a kitchen wall unit, saving space and giving the kitchen a neater look because the boiler's hidden.

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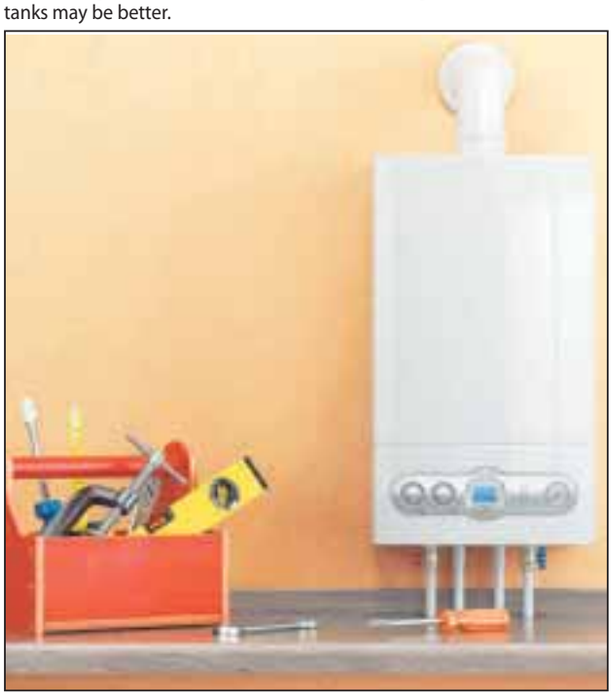

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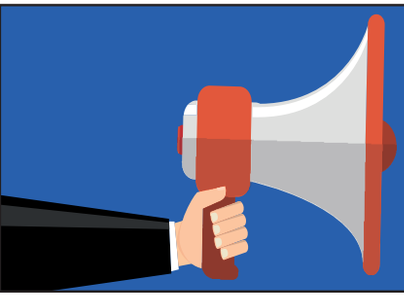

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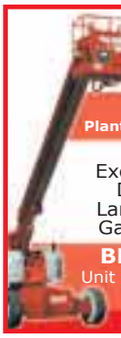

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Volvo Cars reveals new XC60 premium SUV

VOLVO Cars, the premium car maker, today revealed the long-awaited new XC60 premium SUV at the Geneva Motor Show.

The new car replaces Volvo's highly successful original XC60, which in the nine years since its launch became the best-selling premium mid-sized SUV in Europe, with nearly a million units sold globally. The XC60 today represents around 30 per cent of Volvo's total global sales.

"We have a strong heritage in designing stylish and dynamic SUVs that offer the latest in technology. The new XC60 will be no exception. It's the perfect car for an active lifestyle, and it represents the next step in our transformation plan," said Håkan Samuelsson, President and Chief Executive, Volvo Car Group.

New comfort and safety technology

The new XC60, one of the safest cars ever made, is fully loaded with new technology. Steer Assist has been added to the ground-breaking City Safety system. A new safety system called Oncoming Lane Mitigation uses Steer Assist to help mitigate head-on collisions, while Volvo's Blind Spot Indication System (BLIS) now uses Steer Assist functionality to reduce the risk of lane-changing collisions.

"We have focused on building a car that can deliver pleasure to all of your senses – from a commanding view of the road ahead in a beautifully appointed and calm cabin, to a safe, inspired and confident ride," said Henrik Green, Senior Vice President Product & Quality at Volvo Car Group. "We've paid particular attention to making life easier for our customers by providing them with the creature comforts and services that take the hassle out of everyday life."

Pilot Assist, Volvo's advanced semi-autonomous driver-assistance system, which takes care of steering, acceleration and braking on well-marked roads up to 130 km/h, is available in the new XC60 as an option.

Performance

The new XC60 offers Volvo's award-winning T8 Twin Engine petrol plug-in hybrid at the top of the powertrain range, delivering 407 hp and acceleration from 0-100 km/h in just 5.3 seconds.

"We have a wide range of powertrains. The new XC60 will be launched with the diesel D4 engine at 190 hp and the D5 with PowerPulse technology delivering 235 hp. We also have the petrol-powered T5 delivering 254 hp and the T6 which, with both turbo and superchargers attached, delivers 320 hp and 400 Nm of torque," added Henrik Green.

But it is not just under the bonnet that the new XC60 delivers healthy performance. The new CleanZone four-zone climate control system removes harmful pollutants and particles from outside the cabin to deliver Scandinavian-fresh air on the inside.

Volvo Cars' driver infotainment and connected services offer, Sensus, and the Volvo On Call app both receive a graphical update with improved usability. As in the 90 series cars, smartphone integration with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto is also available.

Sculpted feel

"The XC60 is an SUV not designed to look down on others but to drive. The exterior has an athletic sculpture with a subtle, timeless quality. The interior is a masterful composition of well-resolved architecture, beautiful materials and the very latest technology – all perfectly blended together. The XC60 provides a true Scandinavian experience, which will make our customers feel special," said Thomas Ingenlath, Senior Vice President, Design at Volvo Car Group.

Volvo Cars' new XC60 is set to go into production in mid-April at the Torslanda Plant in Sweden.

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Toolstation Prem (38)	Pd	GD	Pts
Bristol Manor Farm	29	65	78
Street	29	46	67
Buckland Athletic	27	47	66
Melksham Town	28	51	63
Bradford Town	30	35	61
Willand Rovers	29	24	56
Odd Down	31	14	50
Cribbs	28	16	44
Gillingham Town	29	13	40
Cadbury Heath	29	2	40
Shepton Mallet	32	-6	39
Chipping Sodbury	30	-16	39
Wells City	32	-13	38
Brislington	25	4	36
Clevedon Town	30	-9	33
BRIDPORT	27	-20	22
Longwell Green	30	-70	22
Bitton	29	-47	14
Hallen	30	-54	14
Sherborne Town	30	-82	13

Dorset Premier (32)	Pld	GD	Pts
Balti Sports	27	54	63
Holt Utd	22	58	58
Swanage & Herston	24	44	49
Hamworthy Rec	25	48	48*
Westland Sports	25	43	46
Dorchester Sports	23	11	45
Gillingham Res	22	23	40
Parley Sports	21	11	38
Merley Cobham	19	26	36
Blandford Utd	24	-10	33
Sturm Newton Utd	25	-26	26
BRIDPORT RES	24	-17	25
Wareham Rangers	22	-26	21
Mere Town	25	-31	19
Hamworthy Utd Res	26	-39	17
Sherborne Town Res	25	-58	10
Cranborne	25	-111	3

D&E Division 1 (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Cronies FC	16	61	44
Exeter Uni Res	16	14	29
Sidmouth Town Res	16	12	28
Exmouth Town Res	16	9	26
Witheridge Res	13	-3	24
LYME REGIS	16	12	23
Colyton	16	2	23
Wellington Res	16	-23	15
Alphington Res	16	-19	14
Willand Rovers Res	19	-25	14
Bickleigh	16	-40	6

D&E Division 6 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Winkleigh	17	75	48
Exwick Village	19	32	41
Central FC	15	19	32
Hemyock	17	41	31
LYME REGIS RES	14	27	30
Offwell Rangers	19	18	30*
Halwill Reserves	19	15	30
Stoke Hill	18	-23	20
Elmore Reserves	15	-3	19
Dunkeswell Rovers	19	-31	18
Tivvy Park Rangers	17	-17	17
Silverton	19	-68	5
Hatherleigh Res	18	-85	5

Perry St Prem (20)	Pld	GD	Pts
Beaminster	15	57	37
South Petherton	15	34	34
Barrington	14	29	34
Shepton Beauchamp	14	16	29
Misterton	14	43	26
Winsham Utd	16	-1	26
W & M Chinnock	15	-12	13
Netherbury	14	-27	12
Chard Utd	12	-8	11
Combe Reserves	14	-41	5*
Drimpton	15	-90	0

Perry St Div 1 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Pymore	11	17	24
Forton Rangers	12	32	23
Waytown Hounds	12	17	23
Merriott Rovers	11	30	20
Hawkchurch Utd	8	18	16
Uplyme	11	10	14
Shepton Beau Res	12	-8	14*
Ilminster Colts	11	-6	13
Combe A	11	-14	8
S.Petherton Res	13	-96	2

Perry St Div 2 (18)	Pld	GD	Pts
Chard Rangers	12	28	30
Halstock	11	40	27
Farway Utd	13	24	27
Charmouth	15	27	26
Winsham Utd Res	13	6	22
Dowlish & Donyatt	13	-12	15
Thorncombe	14	-12	13
Kingsbury Episc	15	-32	12
Crewkerne Rangers	10	-10	7
Chard Utd Res	12	-59	6

Perry St Div 3 (24)	Pld	GD	Pts
Misterton Reserves	14	65	35
Uplyme Reserves	12	37	27
Forton Rangers Res	11	35	27
Merriott Dynamos	13	5	23
Ilminster Town A	16	-15	23
Crewk Rangers Res	14	10	20
Thorncombe Res	14	-3	19
Lyme Regis Rovers	14	9	17*
Fivehead	12	-12	16
Chard Rangers Res	15	-26	11
Farway Utd Res	14	-32	9
Chard Utd All Stars	13	-73	2*

Seasiders sunk at Vikings stronghold

Baker cooks up vital win for Beaminster with crucial pen - Halstock in county final - Netherbury a step closer to safety

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

SIDMOUTH TOWN RES 2 LYME REGIS 0

Division One

LYME Regis hopes of a top three finish took another blow as they slumped to their third successive defeat.

Heavy rain made the Manstone Road surface greasy and both sides struggled to find any rhythm throughout the 90 minutes.

Conditions like that usually lead to difficulty for defenders in turning and makes keepers nervy in their handling. But both backlines played well with the creative players on show having little or no impact.

The opening half hour was largely forgettable and devoid of goal mouth action, so the opening goal came as something of a surprise as a superb cross was dug out from right by the corner flag by Hungarian winger Ferenc Bodor and reached Will Jenkins who nodded the ball into the top corner.

Lyme missed a golden chance of getting back level three minutes before the interval when Cody Bowditch cut in from his left wing berth and was upended in the area but Rob Fellingham's tame sport kick was well saved by Vikings' keeper Adam Bartlett down low to his right.

The visitors were forced into a reshuffle three minutes after the turnaround when skipper Gary Knight was forced off with a knee injury to be replaced by Tristan Gale with Kieren White, making a welcome return in in a Lyme shirt, moving to centre back.

Lyme enjoyed their best spell of the game leading up to the hour mark. Ben Turner toiled away to create an opening for Julien Simier but he shot wide when well placed and strike partner Dec Ellis also fired wide after engineering a yard of space.

Sidmouth went close at the other end with a shot that bravely parried and the rebound was smacked against the crossbar.

Bowditch was withdrawn midway through the half and his replacement Fred Parsons immediately went close with a cross that clipped the top of the bar.

But it was a rare bright moment for Lyme and they conceded again late on when Cleal, who had an otherwise fine game along with full backs Sam Day and Matt Laing, miskicked an attempted clearance on the deteriorating surface and Ollie Turton rolled the ball into the empty net.

On this showing, the return of influential midfielders Mark Bailey (broken toe) and Darren Lock (unavailable) cannot come a moment to soon for the Seasiders.

Before the game a minute's silence was observed in memory of Sidmouth youngster Sam Marriott who died recently.

***Lyme Regis** (4-4-2): Lee Cleal, Sam Day, Gary Knight [Capt] (Tristan Gale 48), Dominic Rowe, Matt Laing, Kieren White, Cody Bowditch (Fred Parsons 67), Rob Fellingham, Ben Turner, Julien Simier (Ryan King 86).*

Other Division One results
Exmouth Town Res 4 Alphington Reserves 2
Wellington Town Reserves 2 Colyton 1

Lyme Regis Res P-P Elmore Reserves
Division Six
DAVEY Fort waterlogged.

Other division six results
Hemyock 0 Winkleigh 2
Offwell Rangers 4 Silverton 0
Stoke Hill 3 Halwill Reserves 7

DORSET JUNIOR CUP SEMI FINAL

STURMINSTER MARSHALL 1 HALSTOCK 2

HALSTOCK, the last PSDL team to lift the Dorset Minor Cup back in 1989, reached the Junior cup final after coming from behind to beat hosts Sturminster Marshall.

The hosts, who are running away with the Dorset League Division Three, took the lead on the half hour, but striker Mark Cawley chased down a ball over the top and this led to his marker putting through his own goal from the edge of the area to square things up at 1-1.

Halstock, cheered on by a coachload of 52 hooter-toting supporters, then lost Sam Blatch through injury but his replacement Lewis Bennie headed home what proved to be the winner just before half time from a Cawley corner.

"We had to really dig deep in the second half but still created four good chances so I think we deserved the win," said Manager Adge Diment who was on the scoresheet when Halstock lifted the Minor Cup beating Wimborne-based Tudor Paving some 28 years ago.

Halstock's opponents in the final (April 6th, 7.45pm ko) will be Okeford United who currently lie second in the Dorset League Division Two.

PREMIER

COMBE RESERVES 0 MISTERTON 7

JASON Rendell scored four times as Misterton drove another nail into Combe reserves' relegation coffin.

Mike McCormack, Harvey Saunders and Grant Symes also netted for a rampant Missy.

Netherbury 1 Winsham Utd 0

NETHERBURY continued their fine form with victory against a physical Winsham team.

The home team were dominant for large parts of the game and the score-line should have been more convincing.

In truth the Ambers were short of quite a few players, but the replacements stepped up and grabbed another vital three points in their quest to stay in the premier division.

After controlling the first 25 minutes, but failing to create too many clear cut chances, Ryan Kingston whipped in a cross that Owen Ward headed against the foot of the post.

Arthur Gay in the Ambers goal did not have much to do and kept his second clean sheet of the season.

Josh James filled in for the injured club captain and had a superb game at centre back, clearing up everything at the back.

The second half provided many chances for the Ambers, and Ward finally got the deserved breakthrough after a fine through ball from Coombs.

Coombs' midfield partner Steward then provided another perfect through ball for Ward to sprint clear and finish superbly into the top corner, only to be flagged offside - wrongly in Ambers' opinion.

The Winsham keeper had a few other saves to make before the end of the match, but Netherbury held firm to take them another step closer to survival.

Advantage Sidmouth

■ **GOAL:** Will Jenkins (red shirt, left) rises highest to head Sidmouth Town Reserves into the lead in Saturday's match with Lyme Regis at Manstone Road *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

SHEPTON BEAUCHAMP 0 BEAMINSTER 1

A JOSH Baker penalty virtually ended Shepton Beauchamp's title hopes and kept depleted Beaminster's very much alive after a cagey 1-0 win at Brimgrove Lane.

The spot kick was awarded when referee John Boulton spotted a foul on Baker.

Brad Pitman had the best chance for the hosts after linking well with sibling Ben but blazed over the bar.

"I felt we deserved to take something from the game but credit to Beaminster for grinding out the win," said Shepton player-manager Doug Whitfield.

Rainbows' boss Gordy Childs was delighted with the win, he told ***View Sport***: "We had half a dozen regulars unavailable so we knew we had to stay solid and not concede at set-pieces.

"The game was won by our defence of Rich Runyard, Dean Hyett, Dan Baggs and Jamie McClements with Ryan Gall shielding in front of them.

"Shepton were strong and are sure to have a big say in the latter stages of the season. I felt they should have had a player sent off for the foul that led to the penalty."

Childs had a mention for Dean Newman who was playing his first match of the season and lasted 85 minutes, while Baggs superbly marshaled the threat posed by the towering Kris Hastings.

SOUTH PETHERTON 3 CHARD UTD 1

A BRACE of penalties from Shane Adcock-Case in a 3-1 win over Chard United saw second placed South Petherton maintain the pressure at the top. Mark Nelms was brought down midway through the first half for the opening spot kick.

The lead was doubled 10 minutes later when the move of the match saw a clever one-two between Ashley Smith and Dean Smith ended with the latter slotting the ball home.

A handball on the hour mark allowed Adcock-Case to convert his second spot-kick of the match and Dan Scriven's late strike was no more than a consolation for the visitors.

"We weren't at our best but it's three more points," said Pethy boss Karl Diment.

W & M CHINNOCK 2 BARRINGTON 3

IT now appears to be a three-horse race with Barrington right up in the mix after a hard-fought 3-2 win at West & Middle Chinnock.

Liam Bennett fired the hosts ahead but Simon Cherry nodded in the equaliser with the Chinnock linesman confirming that the ball had crossed the line.

Barrington edged ahead with a Gary Warren penalty after referee Tom Richardson had spotted a push on Andy Whitefield.

Back came the Chinns and Matt Harvey made it 2-2 following some good saves from Barrington keeper Stu Parris.

The winner was headed home at the back post by Adam Dawe after good work from sub Mike Whitefield.

DIVISION ONE

UPLYME P-P COMBE ST NICHOLAS A

VENLAKE pitch waterlogged.

DIVISION TWO

CHARMOUTH 1 KINGSBURY EPISCOPI 2

CHARMOUTH'S slim promotion hopes received what looks like a bodyblow with a surprise defeat at the hands of lowly Kingsbury at Barrs Lane on Saturday.

The vistors took the lead in the fifth minute when Ollie Osbourne was brought down in the penalty area and Giles McGilvray stepped up and placed the resulting penalty right up in the bracket.

And it got worse for the Robins when Lewis Bowditch's free kick doubled the Kings lead before half time.

A switch from 4-4-2 to 3-1-4-2 at the interval boosted the hosts who put in a much improved second half showing.

Paul Miners pulled one back with his seventh goal of the season but the damage had been done in the opening 45 minutes.

The result leave Charmouth probably needing to win all of their remaining three fixtures, including trips to rivals Chard Rangers and Halstock, if they are to make a late bid for a top two finish.

FIXTURES

Saturday, March 11th
(Cup games 2pm ko, League 2.30pm)

CHALLENGE CUP SEMI-FINALS
Beaminster v Misterton
Shepton Beauchamp v Netherbury
REG EGLON CUP QUARTER FINALS
Chard Utd All Stars v Forton Rangers Reserves
Chard Rangers Res v Thorncombe Reserves
Crewkerne Rangers Res v Farway Utd Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Uplyme Reserves
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP QUARTER FINALS
Forton Rangers v Pymore
Ilminster Town Colts v Merriott Rovers
KEN HODGES CUP QUARTER FINAL
Farway Utd v Charmouth
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Chard Utd v Barrington
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Drimpton v South Petherton
DIVISION ONE
Combe St Nicholas A v Ilminster Town Colts
Hawkchurch Utd v Shepton Beauchamp Res
DIVISION TWO
Dowlish & Donyatt v Halstock
Winsham Utd Reserves v Crewkerne Rangers
DIVISION THREE
Lyme Regis Rovers v Merriott Dynamos
Misterton Reserves v Fivehead

Top scorers;
Premier
38 – Rich Hebditch (Beaminster).
16 - Ryan Thurgood (South Petherton),
14 - Andy Whitefield (Barrington), George Hayward (Barrington).
12 – Jamie Spurdle (Misterton), Jack Blunn (Misterton).

Division One
36 – James Melville (Hawkchurch Utd).
19 - Jon Legg (Waytown Hounds).
18 - Robbie Walker (Forton Rangers).
17 - Jack Steer (Merriott Rovers).
16 - Andy Stevenson (Forton Rangers), T.Hussey (Pymore).
15 –Jordan Brain (Shepton Beau Res).
14 - Nick Mortimer (Merriott Rovers), Gavin Herrod (Hawkchurch Utd),

Division Two
31 – Mark Cawley (Halstock).
17 – John Allan (Winsham Utd Res).
16 - Scott Marshall (Chard Rangers).

Division Three
47 - Callum Preston (Misterton Res).
28 - Pete Peacock (Lyme Regis Rovers).
26 - Stuart Packer (Forton Rangers Res),
25 – Stuart Weston (Misterton Res).
18 – Jack Alford (Forton Rangers Res),
15 – Jonnie Harris (Uplyme Res).
14 - Ajay Evans (Chard Rangers Res).
13 - Ryan Smith (Uplyme Res).
12 - Frank Harris (Uplyme Res), Kev Cavanagh (Chard Rangers Res).

Bridport & WD Golf

George the first

AFTER their game was cancelled last week due to adverse weather conditions, the veterans enjoyed the best day of the week last Thursday for their competition.

The weather was fine and sunny though the wind resulted in, on the whole, modest scoring.

It didn't seem to trouble George Brown in Division One whose nett score of 68 gave him a five-shot lead over second man (acb) Marcus Beresford with a nett 73 and awarded him a one shot handicap reduction. He also carded the best gross score.

The best score in Division Two was Karl Rogers' nett 72 who also received a one shot handicap cut. And being the day after St.David's day the next 4 places were all taken by Davids!

Results

Division One - 1st George Brown 80-12=68, 2nd (acb) Marcus Beresford 88-15=73, 3rd Roy Gill 86-13=73, 4th Bryan Holmes 91-17=74.

Division Two – 1st Karl Rogers 93-21=72, 2nd (acb) Dave Cole 102-27=75, 3rd Dave Buckland 96-21=75, 4th Dave Boggis 98-21=77 (after count-back from Dave Smith).

The men's Sunday competition was cancelled as the course was closed due to recent prolonged rain.

Meanwhile, The Saturday and Tuesday Ladies played a Hidden Partners competition, the last competition over a reduced course.

The winners with 45 points were Sue Winkle & Ruth Donovan, runners up were Pat Tolin & Judy Walters (43), third on count back were Pauline Mackie & Heather Boyle (42) from fourth-placed Jane White & Lyn Jessopp (also 42).

Lyme Regis Golf

Mannie by three

MANNIE Wellman had a blistering front nine in the Junior Stableford, scoring 22 points which formed the solid base for him winning well with 39 points. Cameron Moss conjured up some some good recovery shots playing to his six handicap ands finished second with 36.

Jacob Searle also made the rostrum with 34 points. The Ladies March Medal Divison One was a close affair with Rosie Jackman consolidating a good front nine to win with a nett 77. Jane Dixon had a wonderful back nine to take second on countback from Susan Moore, both with 78.

Divison Two was even closer with the top three all finishing on nett 82, but a superior back nine from Margaret Slater ensured she won ahead of Sandra Barclay in second and Sheila Claringbold in third.

Coffee Morning

THE Ladies section are holding an Easter Fayre and Lady Captain's Coffee Morning in aid of Alzheimer's Research UK on Tuesday (March 14th) from 10am until noon.

There will be plenty of stalls including a raffle, bottle tombola, cakes and home produce, plants, books and dvd's, and jewellery, scarves and preloved items of clothing. Entrance is £2.50 which includes tea/coffee and biscuit. Visitors and members are welcome to attend this social annual event.

■ **GREAT DAY AT GRAND PRIX:** Around 30 Sir Colfox Academy athletes travelled to the recent Muller Grand Prix at the Birmingham Barclay Card Arena. Head coach Andy David said: "It was a brilliant day and we were fortunate to see Laura Muir break the British 100m record and Mo Farah break his own indoor 5000m European record. He was so happy that he asked to have a selfie with us!"

Bridport Rugby

Big win, but huge test to come

Bridport 74 Lychett Minster 5
Dorset & Wilts Division Two (S)

WITH only three games played since Christmas due to two clubs cancelling matches, this game versus Lytchett 2nds was one that the Bridport players really needed to play for match fitness and practice *writes Stuart Briggs.*

The game was originally due to be played in November but was cancelled when Lychett could not raise a team.

Thankfully they were able to fulfil the fixture this time, albeit arriving with only 12 players.

Bridport loaned them three in the spirit of the game that enabled the match to be played with 15-a-side.

Bridport were soon in the ascendancy with backs and forwards combining well to score three tries inside the first 20 minutes.

Poor handling after the last restart gave Lychett time inside Bridport's 22 and their pressure told with a try in the corner, ironically scored by one of the loaned Bridport players!

Injuries soon after meant that scrums were played uncontested and Bridport's superiority forced errors from the Lychett defence and a further three tries were scored before half time.

The story was the same in the second half with Bridport forcing many turnovers and running in six unopposed tries.

The result maintained the Blues' third place in the league table.

Whilst the match time was valuable to the players, the Dorset & Wilts League two South has become a little uncompetitive with many clubs finding it difficult to run more than one team.

Therefore, for the Blues, the drive for promotion to the higher league is imperative to give them regular competitive league games next season.

However, they will face a much tougher test next Saturday at home to Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew who lie one place below them in the league.

This game will follow the clubs VP lunch at midday followed by the six nations games on TV.

■ **CHAMPS:** The Junior schools tag festival winners St Catherines School, Bridport pictured with Bridport Mayor Cllr Ros Kayes

Tag tournament attracts 12 schools

Bridport Rugby Club held its annual schools Tag rugby festival for junior schools sponsored by Morrisons supermarket last Saturday with 12 local schools taking part when over 100 girls and boys took part in mixed teams, battling it out on three pitches.

After very competitive group games, Greenford and St Catherine schools met in the final having both come through very tight semi-finals.

In a closely fought final, where the score ebbed one way then the other, St Catherines eventually won by six tries to four.

Bridport Mayor, Cllr Ros Kayes presented the trophies.

All credit to club's young qualified referee Louis Brown for organising the event.

Bridport U13 2 Taunton 4

WITH six local teams unable to field teams, Taunton agreed to visit at short notice.

Taunton's ability to steal loose ball and support the carrier enabled them to score first, but this was answered by a magnificent Bridport team try, which put wing Will Newton over in the corner.

Back came Taunton with two tries, but fast ball from scrum half Joe Styrin enabled Oliver Hansford-Harvey to speed over in the corner.

But Taunton's continuous powerful support play took them to a 4-2 victory.

Gig Racing

Tempest delivers at Saltash for Lyme

LYME Regis Gig Club started the new gig rowing season in fine form at the traditional season opener at Saltash.

The Three Rivers Race features 80 crews giving a good test and a measure of how all those long hours of winter training have gone.

The race is around seven miles long, taking around one hour to complete.

Lyme entered two crews in the ladies race. The ladies A crew, rowing Tempest overtook a number of crews in the latter part of the race, including local rivals Bridport A, to finish in a club best of 24th. A healthy rivalry beckons this season between these two friendly local crews.

The ladies B crew, rowing Black Ven, knocked well over three minutes off last year's time.

Lyme entered three crews in the Men's category. The A crew, rowing Tempest, had a rapid start then settled into 11th position.

The B crew had a solid row, with a trio of Three Rivers debutants and one competing his first ever race, and they hauled in some notable scalps, including Cotehele Quay A, in what was a very strong finish in 32nd position.

Finally the C crew in Rebel, had an outstanding performance from the outset, breaking free of the pack with only two B teams to keep them company for the remainder of the course. A controlled row would saw the Lyme crew hold their own against the B crews of Torridge and Salcombe to finish 57th.

The combined results put Tempest in 12th place overall, a club best for Lyme.

The club now focus on eight weeks of training towards the World Championships on the Isles of Scilly at the end of April where they will enter seven crews.

The club are always keen to welcome new members, no experience required. Contact the club via www.lymeregisgigclub.com

Bridport Gig Club hold open morning on Sunday

BRIDPORT gig rowing club are holding an open morning on Sunday (March 12th) with taster rowing.

Bacon baps, tea, coffee and cake will be offer at the Salthouse, West Bay from 8am to 1pm. Taster rows will take place between 10.30am and 1pm when the club's three boats, Bucky Doo, Dagger and Blaez will be on the water.

Rows will last approximately half an hour.

Gig rowing is open to all ages and no prior rowing experience is necessary. Sports clothes and trainers are recommended for taster rows.

The club offers general rowing and competitive squad rowing for adults and juniors throughout the year along with various levels of membership. For more information please visit the website: www.bridportgigclub.org.

Bees news

Bridport continue promotion push

Portland Town B 0
Bridport A 2
Dorset Division Four

QUICK thinking by Bridport A manager Mark Scadding ensured his charges didn't endure another blank weekend after it appeared certain that their home fixture with Portland B would be called off due to a waterlogged pitch.

Scadding arranged for the game to be switched to Portland, and despite a rather tired looking pitch at the Ricol Leisure Arena, his foresight worked as the young Bees side won 2-0.

With neither leaders Swanage RBL or second placed Corfe Castle Reserves playing, it meant that Bridport closed the gap.

Corfe are now only two points ahead but have played three games more, and even if Swanage win their last three remaining fixtures, Bridport need just 16 points from eight games to claim the title.

Playing against the elements in the first half the Bees defence were under constant pressure from a series of long balls, but the visitors showed maturity beyond their years, none more than mom Jamie Herbert and captain Callum Middleton.

Despite the wind, Bridport created and failed to take the numerous chances they created and the first half finished goalless.

The second half saw more of the same and Bridport soon Bridport took the lead from a Josh Hunter volley.

The visitors pushed and really took control with Jordon Scadding in the Bridport goal nothing but a spectator for long periods.

The introduction of Harry Fleet, returning to fitness, soon helped set up a fine attack that saw an Rhys Hughes-Williams add a second with a shot into the bottom corner.

Dorch Snooker

Shakey shaken

RESULTS; WDC Team Shaky 3 WDC YYMFDT 4, Colliton XQ 2016 4 Purbeck Potters 3, WDC Whipping Boys 3 West Dorset Club A 5, Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M (to finish, score so far = 3-3), Trinity M 5 Colliton XQ 2016 2.

Top Breaks; M Beale 33; G Bartlett 29; M Pike 26, 24; C Matthews 26

Top Break of the Season; Evan Wellman (West Dorset Club A) 65.

Team Open Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M – Monday, March 27th at Trinity Club.

Team Handicap Knock Out Cup Final; West Dorset Club A v Trinity M – Monday, March 30th at Trinity Club.

Rearranged matches;
Purbeck Potters v WDC Whipping Boys (March 13th),
West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (March 15th),
Colliton XQ 2016 v WDC Team Shaky (March 20th),
WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M (March 22nd),
WDC Whipping Boys v Trinity M (April 4th),
West Dorset Club A v Colliton Hopefuls (April 5th),
WDC YYMFDT v Colliton Hopefuls (Being rearranged by team captains),
WDC YYMFDT v West Dorset Club A to finish - score so far 3-2,
Colliton Hopefuls v Trinity M to finish - score so far 3-3.

Table (week 18)	Pld	Pts
WDorset Club A	15	69
Colliton XQ2016	17	68
WDC Team Shaky	17	61
Purbeck Potters	17	60
Colliton Hopefuls	14	59
Trinity M	16	57
WDC YYMFDT	16	53
WDC Whipping B	16	32

Table Tennis

Shipton B maintain pressure at the top

SHIPTON Gorge B remain nicely placed in Division Two after a convincing 28-7 win over bottom side Colliton C and are now just four points behind leaders Pilgrims A with three games in-hand.

Their biggest title challengers appear to be All Saints who are just a point behind but have played a game more. It may go to the wire when the two meet in the final match of the season.

Preston A closed the gap on All Saints after a thrilling 21-20 win over Shipton Gorge C.

Locked at 18-18 going in to the doubles it was Eddie Chapman (5) and Simon Green (9) that secured the win for Preston with a fifth set win over Dan Corren (6) and Tom Baldry (7).

Shipton Gorge A won their midtable clash with Preston B 18-21 with Miranda Edwardes (8) top scoring for Shipton.

Lyme Regis Skittles

CUP results from w/e March 4th
Ladies George Nomination Cup; Generations 146 Smashers 173.

Ladies Bob Sweetland Cup Semi Final; Wootton Wobblers bt Wild Pins (Game given)

Cawston All Cup Quarter Finals; La Crème 331 Wootton Wobblers 311, No Hopers 363 Marksmen 325, Anthill Mob 319 President's Men 342, Flyers 297 Roadrunners 370.

Details of upcoming Cup fixtures and rearranged games;
Monday 13th March
Ladies Doug Clark Cup Semi Finals; Wootton Wobblers v Smashers, Hot Gossips v La Crème.

Wednesday, March 15th
Cornish Cup Quarter Finals; Shakers v Clueless, No Hopers v Flyers.

Friday, March 17th
Cornish Cup Quarter Finals; Marksmen v British Legion, Anthill Mob v President's Men.

Monday, March 20th
Ladies George Nomination Cup Semi Finals; Wild Pins v La Crème, Wootton Wobblers v Smashers.

Monday, March 27th
Hot Gossips v La Crème (rearranged league game).

Wednesday, March 29th
Men's Div 2 Curtis Nomination Cup Semi Final; Alleytwits v President's Men.

Friday, March 31st
Men's Bob Sweetland Cup Quarter Finals; Young Guns v No Hopers, British Legion v Clueless, Rousdon Rebels v Roadrunners, Flyers v Trappers.

Monday, April 3rd
Hot Gossips v Wild Pins (rearranged league game).

Wednesday, April 5th
Men's Palmer Cup Quarter Finals; President's Men v Marksmen (**Pilot Boat**), Wreckers v Clueless (**Rock Point**).

Friday, April 7th
Men's Palmer Cup Quarter Finals; Tornadoes v Alleytwits (**Rock Point**), Rousdon Rebels v Roadrunners (**Rousdon**).

Men's Div 1 George Nomination Cup Semi Finals; No Hopers v Trappers (**Pilot Boat**), Flyers v Clueless (**Wootton**).

Wednesday, April 12th
Men's Pairs Semi Finals
Rock Point: K Trott & I Locke; P Liston & P Rattenbury; N Chapman & J Chapman; M Saunders & T Wallis; J Broome & T Mayers; P Grinter & L Dare; S Shaw & G Kent; A Rattenbury & J Fry.

Ship: A Trott & D Rowe; J Sims & B Rattenbury; M Croad & R Bevis; C Kapur & T Eaton; R Bovill & S Smith; P Hodder & L Hodder; N Bearpark & S Beal; P Bright & R Chappel.

Thursday, April 13th
No Hopers v Trappers (rearranged league game), Young Guns v Clueless (rearranged league game).

Bridport Darts

Division One	Pld	Pts
Rob's Robbers	15	29
Well Hung Clocks	14	20
BSC	15	20
Nomads	15	20
Five Sticky Fingers	15	17
Hands of Time	15	14
Noth'n But Treble	15	10
Nags Head A	15	7
Les Miserables	15	7
Rubber Johns	14	4

180s; Tony Young 9, Terry Prowse 7, Nigel Lamb, Alan Parker, Mark Munro & Ryan Cross all x4, seven players x3, seven players x2, 22 players x1.

Division Two	Pld	Pts
The Stingers	15	24
Young Darters	15	22
One for the Vikings	15	21
Odds or Us	14	20
Respect-de-Bull	14	18
Elders	15	16
Otter Rotters	14	7
Anchor Five	15	7
Dat Team	14	6
No Direction	15	5

180s; Ashley Parker & Stuart Alner both 4, Andy Reid 3, Ashley Parker, Simon Moye & Dan Rawlings all x2, 12 players x1.

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Mis Fits	15	24
Poachers	15	23
Dart Vaders	15	20
The Surgeons	15	19
Midnight Runners	15	16
Tiger Bees	15	13
Anchor Vale Viewers	15	11
Flashes Fives	15	11
Royal Hawks	15	7
Time Bombs	15	6

180s; Paul Gumbrill 3, Danny Sorrell 2, Len Challis, Ash Hawker, Alistair Coutts, S.Bowditch, P.Rowley, Howard Sellick, Graham Gumbrill & all 1.

Division Four	Pld	Pts
Wicked Team Name	15	24
No Chance	15	23
Dodgers	15	19
Whamo	15	17
-1-11	15	17
The Nameless	14	16
Odds & Sods	14	10
Sorted Odds	15	10
Hopeful Bashers	15	9
The Royal Nuts	13	1

180s; Micky Brock 2, Andy Page, Paul Bearpark, Paul Lewis, T.Bird, Billy Hallett & Roly Steer all x1.

Ladies Div One	Pld	Pts
Anchor Aces	21	40
Arrows Awry	21	32
Queens Bees	21	32
Sue's Rebels	21	28
Clocking On	21	27
Odd One Out	21	27
Queenies of the Club	21	23
Castaways	21	18
Against the Odds	21	15
Charlie's Angels	21	16
Don's Damsels	21	12
Good Mates	21	10
Tiger Stripes	21	7
Drunking Aware	21	7

180s; Janet Collins, Sue Brock, Liz Vowells & Kate Loasby all 1.

West Dorset Hockey

Hawks hold leaders with gritty display

West Dorset Hawks 3 Chard 3

ON paper this looked like an easy three points for leaders Chard who, having scored 96 goals in 18 games, and having conceded a miserly 26, looked odds on winners against a slightly under strength Hawks side that had lost their last three matches.

However, with West Dorset desperate to stop the slide, they started with a very defensive line-up to frustrate the visitors.

But they fell behind to a very unfortunate goal from a short corner, the umpires missing the fact the ball struck the stopper's foot before it was driven home.

Russell Coombs, deputising as captain for Rick Steele who was playing for the A team, rallied his troops and they instantly equalised.

Alex Davies' run ended in a short corner from which Dan Wyatt thundered home from the top of the D.

The same pair combined again soon after to put the Hawks ahead. Davies, having once again won a short corner, was cleverly played in by Wyatt to wrong foot the Chard defence and he swept the ball home.

Having beaten the Hawks 6-0 in the reverse fixture, Chard were becoming agitated as the second half started, but they drew level again when some superb play from the visiting striker resulted in a penalty flick for feet which was duly despatched.

Still unable to get the better of the Hawks, Chard became frustrated, and the umpires did well to keep control as some found their way into the sin bin.

A superb tackle from Matthew Keeping set up West Dorset's third 10 minutes from time. His inch perfect pass found Davies who deftly flicked home to complete his hat trick.

Desperate to hold off Penzance for the Southern Two title, Chard threw the kitchen sink at West Dorset in the final minutes and were once again the beneficiary of good luck when the ball just brushed the toe of Julian May as he went to intercept, and they converted the resultant short corner.

Coombs was elated with his side's performance: "To hold the league leaders to a draw was superb. We showed great spirit to the end, and to score three against such a strong defence was excellent."

Southern Two	Pld	Pts
Chard	19	47
Penzance	19	45
Plymouth Uni A	19	43
Bude	18	37
Camborne School of Mines	18	35
Caradon	19	24
PGSOB A	19	22
Bridgwater A	19	22
WEST DORSET	19	22
ECV Hornets	19	19
Taunton Vale C	19	7
Devonport Services	19	3

Students too slick

University of Exeter F 3 West Dorset A 0

LIKE the first team, West Dorset A found themselves facing a tough test after three defeats in a row.

Uni are second, just a point behind leaders Tiverton and having already scored over 100 goals in 14 matches and conceding just eight, it was almost a case of damage limitation.

Bolstered by first teamer's Rick Steele and Rick Dormer, they travelled with an array of talent and age in the squad of 13, the youngest being 14, the oldest well into his 60s.

The Hawks found themselves 2-0 down after just 15 minutes, the first a purposely deflected shot, the second a one-on-one situation which the attacker came out on top having dribbled the ball 40-yards unchallenged from a breakaway.

However, they did not let the early sets back deflate them, and the excellent defensive backline dug-in to restrict the hosts to a handful of shots for the remainder of the half.

The back four of Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Rick Steele and Mike Harvey man-marked their counterparts exceptionally well, and made a string of crucial interceptions.

The younger opponents inevitably found more space as the second half wore on, and keeper Alex Drew was called to make a number of saves.

The students claimed their third from another purposely deflected shot which trickled over the line.

Hawks hope to get back to winning ways this Saturday as they host Taunton Vale D who lie one place below them in the league.

Skipper Drew said: "All the team can hold their heads high with arguably the most committed performance of the season."

***Team**: Alex Drew (c), Henry Middleton, Lee Connelly, Rick Steele, Mike Harvey, Rich Wilson, Rick Dormer, Ben Whittington, Jedd Whittington, Albert Steele, Jack Dormer. Subs: Bobby Dormer, John Dormer.*

Forsyth has golden springs!

WOOLBRIDGE Motor Club returned to the challenging venue of Woolminstone near Crewkerne for the first rounds of the 2017 Motor Sports Association British Championship, the British Trial and Rally Drivers national series as well as the Association of South West Motor Clubs.

The start of the new season saw heavy rain, hail and high winds testing the drivers with continually changing ground conditions.

The event comprised of two divisions. One catering for drivers who were contesting the national championships and another for the local clubmen.

The front wheel drive (no ballast) class in the clubman division saw the class victory go to Jez Searle in his Peugeot 106.

Searle was in good form from the off and was five points up on Dave Atkins and Robert North in their larger engined Citroen Saxo on the first section.

Atkins closed the gap to four points at the conclusion of the first round of tests but was unable to make further progress during the second round and went into lunch six marks in arrears with North a further three down. Searle secured his lead during the six tests that comprised round three and then annihilated his challengers on the final two tests to finish on 154 penalties with Atkins trailing by 22 points.

North showed how well matched the Saxo pair were completing 20 sections just four points adrift of the second place finisher.

The ballasted front wheel drive class attracted the biggest entry of all the categories in addition to providing the winner of the clubman event in the form of November victor Jim Forsyth.

Immediately after the start the Bournemouth driver had to deal with a challenge form Weymouth's Will Lawrence. Both were equipped with Citroen Saxos but Lawrence and his driving partner Dan Chazal were giving away 476cc but that did not hinder Lawrence during the first round of tests at the end of which he saw him level with Forsyth on 38 penalties.

The second round saw Forsyth eke out an advantage of two which had grown to twelve by the end of the event.

The third in class award also went to a Weymouth driver in the form of Graham Blake. The Westfield hill climb driver taking the final position on the class podium in a Peugeot 106 Rallye which is pressed into service as a trials car during the winter months but will return to hill climb specification for the Woolbridge club's first hill climb of the season at Wiscombe Park in April.

Another award was bound for Weymouth in the hands of Dan Chazal who claimed the Junior Driver (under 23) accolade.

A two way battle in the sports car class between Alan Foster and Alastair Stevenson from Weymouth concluded with just 16 points deciding the verdict in favour of the former in his Morgan V8 over the local driver's MG TD.

Bere Regis residents Dominic Bishop and Julien Lightfoot enjoyed the closest fought competition of the day as they contested the specials category with the recently acquired SRB chassis. Both drivers enjoyed a battle with Bishop dropping 62 penalties and winning by a mere three points.

See photos from the event and details of the national championships on our website www.viewnews.co.uk

Indoor Bowls

Brilliant victory sees Bridport in Over 60s county final

BRIDPORT Men's A team are through to the final of the Dorset Over 60s competition after a superb 44-34 win against the Isle of Purbeck, but now face the monumental task of beating Dolphin A who defeated their B team in the other semi-final.

The final will be played at Waterloo Road, home of the Dolphins on a date yet to be announced.

Played at the neutral venue of Dorchester, the match against IoP contained a number of twists and turns.

Brian Baker, Ken Sanger & Mike Fletcher led 7-4, and Barry Mapson, Mel Griffiths & captain Phil Hedges led 7-1, but Purbeck turned it around by end 10 with Fletcher pegged back to 11-9 and Hedges falling behind 9-15. However, the next four ends saw Bridport surge ahead again scoring 19 shots to Purbeck's two to end their opponents hopes.

Baker said: "We would have hoped for a neutral venue for the final but the county finals are always played at the current President's club. But we are confident we can go there and snatch a win; a lot will depend on our kingpins Phil Hedges and Mike Fletcher, they are our Bobby Moore and Bobby Charlton, and have been brilliant over the whole campaign".

Beryl Stork, Peter Carnell, Robin Pither & Gerry Moss, and Sylvia Fletcher, Harry Gray & Peter Varney shared the top rink award against the Nomads in their Four Rink Mixed Friendly winning 16-12 and 21-17 respectively.

Sue and David Jenkin, Sandra Hargett & Bob Hill finished 2,4 to draw 17-17 but Nomads won the match 71-64 as Bernard Perry, Penny Pither, Nova Varney & David Aylott were beaten 11-25.

Moonfleet A 47 Bournemouth A 47

THE Ladies A team had a mixed game against visitors Bournemouth A in the Ladies County league.

June Searle, Helen Monelle, Chris Thompson & skip Margaret Crawford had a challenging game against the visitors under skip J Halliwell.

Bournemouth took control of the first half and by end seven led 15-0.

Moonfleet came to life over the next four ends and, with five shots gained on end nine, were lying only five shots behind at 10-15.

But eight shots to the visitors on the next two ends put them back in the driving seat and, although the final eight ends were evenly split, the lead was too great and the home rink went down 16-30.

The other Moonfleet rink of Mairi Mathie, Chris Rod, Anne Chislett & skip Kath Desmond moved into a commanding early lead helped along with an impressive six-shot haul on the second end against the Bournemouth rink with skip J Bryant.

By end 11 the hosts were lying 18-7 ahead and, with the exception of two ends each resulting in five shots to Bournemouth, the Moonfleet quartet dominated the remainder of the match to claim a stunning 31-17 victory and an overall 47-47 draw.

Moonfleet B 40 Isle of Purbeck 26

MOONFLEET B entertained The Isle of Purbeck in the Ladies County league in what was to be the last time Isle of Purbeck will play in the league as the club has sadly closed.

Pam Hayward, Ann Sherman, Heather Gillingham & skip Sheila Escott quickly took control and, by end 10 had moved into a 13-5 lead against the Purbeck rink under skip D Seacombe.

During the second half of the game the visitors failed to make any impression on the early lead and the hosts claimed a comfortable 23-10 victory.

On the other rink Mary Dunne, Julie Watts, Sue Paull & skip Jill Gwilliam also took control of the early stages of the game and by end seven were 9-2 ahead against the visitors skipped by U Keats.

The Purbeck rink then won the next five ends and, by end 12 had levelled at 9-9.

Control then passed back to the hosts who moved into a 16-9 lead over the next four ends. However, the IoP quartet went up a gear and levelled the score at 16-16 by the penultimate end.

As the final eight bowls were delivered the tension mounted and, with one shot gained Moonfleet breathed a sigh of relief with a 17-16 win and an overall 40-26 total.

Bridport Skittles

UPCOMING cup fixtures
Mixed Nomination Individual Final
Tuesday, March 14th
Bradpole Club - S Pitcher; L Dare; R Pincombe; D Cowburn; M Horton; H Mills; G Brooks; A Cauldwell.

Ladies Nomination Individual Final
Wednesday, March 15th
Tiger - S Yeatman; C Lambert; S Luter; S Newman; C Huxter; J Cake; G Legg; J Symes.

Division A	Pld	Pts
Shipfaced	14	27
Rockets	14	20
Rejects	14	17
Denhay	14	16
Masters	12	13
Nelson Nobblers	13	12
Rough Eight	14	12
Wanderers	13	12
Broadoak	14	10
Slingers	13	9
U Know the Blokes	13	8
Lively Lads	14	6

Division B	Pld	Pts
Miss the Ball	13	18
The Dingles	13	17
Countrymen	13	14
Originals	12	14
Survivors	13	14
Outsiders	13	13
Bangers	13	12
Lost in Time	12	12
Castouts	13	10
Dingbats	11	10
Aussies Lot	12	4

Division C	Pld	Pts
Gerryatrics	14	24
NBC	13	20
Pioneers	14	20
LHS	14	18
Wickers	13	18
Whiskey Chasers	13	14
Unknowns	14	12
Stingers	14	11
Brandy Snaps	13	8
Groundhogs	13	8
Yo Yo's	14	7

Division D	Pld	Pts
Alcoholics	14	28
Strawpeedoes	13	22
BFC	14	20
Alleycats	14	18
Featherbeds	13	18
Hidden Talent	12	10
Let em Roll	12	10
Firebirds	13	8
Offcuts	12	6
Pinbashers	11	6

Lyme Regis Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Pot Nots	13	30
Wozo's Warriors	11	27
Smack the Rack	13	25
Hunters Hot Pots	11	21
Old Cobbies	13	18
Drunken Sailors	11	16
Nags Head Trotters	12	12
Real Talbot	12	6
Ranger & Friends	10	3

Lyme Regis darts

Current table	Pld	Pts
Rousdon Club	14	28
Clockadooledoo	16	25
Nags Head A	12	21
Nags Z	13	17
Hunters Lodge	13	16
Royal Standard	15	14
Rock Point A	10	14
Four Play	12	8
Talbot Arms	11	8
Janners	12	5
Cobb Arms	11	4
Half an Octopus	13	4
See you Next Thurs	12	2

180s: R.Cross 6, T.Prowse 5, T.Young 4, T.Bond, D.Herbert & R.Powell all 3, R.Coombe, G.Knight & B.Grainger all 2, 12 players x1.

Beam & Brid Pool

Table	Pld	Pts
Kingzmen	15	91
We Need Help	15	86
Pooligans	15	85
Pocket Rockets	15	81
Ringers	15	80
Longshots	15	80
Brake Failures	15	73
Heads Up	15	70
Bradpole Club	15	63
Nothing Like Us	15	41

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'Tiny' lands the big one at annual awards

ONE of West Bay Sea Angling Club's stalwarts Richard "Tiny" Daw was recognised in the club's annual presentation evening when he was awarded the President's Cup for the member considered to have done the most work for the club.

The Clubman Shield for the person, who has best supported club events throughout the year, was won by Paul House, which took his tally to fourteen trophies this season.

Both were worthy winners of the two awards are highly valued by club members.

House accumulated most of these by winning the three major leagues; the Rickard Cup and Axminster Cup for best weight and points in the Thursday night series, the Andy Neal Roving Challenge for the Saturday night rovers and the Daytime Cup for the Sunday afternoon competitions, as well as the Senior Species League and Match Points Champion.

The event, which took place at the took place at Freshwater Holiday Park last Saturday, saw the presentation of numerous awards hosted by the chairman Rod Barr.

Best lady in shore competitions was Lynn Mudford who picked up the Andy Neal Roving Challenge Ladies Trophy and the Ladies Shore Cup.

Best junior in senior shore matches was Eden Lynham who won both the Junior Cup (shore) and The Jake Neal Roving Challenge.

In the boat section Gerry Reed was the winner for the second year running. He not only won the Symes Cup, but also the Boat Champions Shield and the Boat Trophy with his boat Fierin Scor.

Charlie Lawson won the Junior Boat Festival Cup, Junior Cup and the Churchouse Boat Plaque for best junior in boat matches.

Species League winners were: Senior: 1st Paul House (132pts); 2nd Ollie Mears (108); 3rd Simon Bowditch (100); Match Points Champion: Paul House (70); Lady Champion: Frances Kitchin (33); Junior Champion: Eden Lynham (17); Handicap League : 1st Ken Martin (80); 2nd Steve Fowles (65); 3rd Adam Cullingford (60); Junior League: 1st Aaron Chambers (102); 2nd Jack Parkman (96); 3rd Ewan Chambers (81); March Points Champion: Aaron Chambers (72).

■ **CELEBRATING A GREAT YEAR:** West Bay Sea Angling Club awards winners show off their trophies (l-r): Ken Martin, Simon Bowditch, Frances Kitchin, Paul House, Jack Parkman, Ollie Mears, Ollie Butler, Lynn Mudford, Eden Lynham, Craig Horton, Steve Fowles, Rod Barr, Richard "Tiny" Daw, Charlie Lawson, Gerry Reed

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